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U.S. Anthrax: A decade Later



Alice Gast, president of Lehigh University and head of a National Academy of Sciences panel, in an undated handout photo. Gast said the "chemical signatures" in the mailed anthrax that killed five people, sickened 17 others, nearly a decade ago, and their potential value to an FBI criminal investigation had not been fully explored.

(Douglas Benedict via The New York Times)

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A decade after wisps of anthrax sent through the mail killed five people, sickened 17 others and terrorized the nation, biologists and chemists still disagree on whether federal investigators got the right man and whether the FBI's long inquiry brushed aside important clues.

Now, three scientists argue that distinctive chemicals found in the dried anthrax spores – including the unexpected presence of tin – point to a high degree of manufacturing skill, contrary to federal reassurances that the attack germs were unsophisticated.

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Bank On It



Germany, France reach agreement on Europe's banks

German chancellor Angela Merkel, right, and French President Nicolas Sarkozy talk to the media after a meeting on the financial crisis in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011. The two leaders of the eurozone's two biggest economies, say they have reached agreement on strengthening Europe's shaky banking sector.

Juergen Baetz

BERLIN (AP) — The leaders of Germany and France, the eurozone's two biggest economies, said they have reached an agreement about how to strengthen Europe's shaky banking sector amid the region's debt crisis.

"We are determined to do the necessary to ensure the recapitalization of Europe's banks," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Sunday following talks with French President Nicolas Sarkozy in Berlin.

A "comprehensive response" to the eurozone's debt crisis will be finalized by month's end, including a detailed plan on recapitalizing the banks, Sarkozy said

at Berlin's chancellery.

"The economy needs secure financing to ensure growth. There is no prospering economy without stable banks," he said. "That is what is at stake." However, both leaders declined to name a price tag for the new measures or elaborate further, saying the proposal must first be discussed with other European leaders.

Analysts have urged the eurozone to identify all the banks in the region that need to replenish their capital reserves, then decide whether to compel them to raise that money on the open markets and to provide government financing to the ones that

can't.

Many experts say the capital cushions of many European banks must be strengthened in order to withstand a possible government bond default by Greece. Some analysts fear that a Greek default could cause a severe credit squeeze that would even threaten banks not exposed directly to Greece's debt because banks could be afraid to lend to each other.

The credit freeze following the collapse of U.S. investment bank Lehman Brothers in 2008 choked off lending to the wider economy and caused a deep recession.

Merkel did not provide de-

(AP Photo/Martin Meissner)

tails Sunday about how the recapitalization would work, saying only that all banks across the eurozone would be measured by the same criteria in coordination with, among others, the European Banking Authority and the International Monetary Fund.

Any solution must be "sustainable," Merkel added. Sarkozy said the French-German accord on the proposal "is total."

Germany and France will now submit their proposal to shore up Europe's shaky banking sector to other European Union governments ahead of an Oct.

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German chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy arrive from a meeting about the financial crisis in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011.

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17-18 summit of the bloc's 27 leaders in Brussels, they said.

Both leaders expressed confidence that a comprehensive European response to the crisis will be finalized before a summit of the G-20 most developed nations in France Nov. 3-4.

"The global economy needs this summit to become a success, and the European Union will do its part" to ensure a positive outcome, Merkel said.

The IMF has said banks across the continent might need up to €200 billion (\$267 billion) in new capital. The EU disputes the IMF's

estimate, but has warned that lending between banks and from banks to businesses is threatening to freeze up.

Earlier this week, Merkel said that banks must first seek to raise new capital on the market before turning to their government, insisting that the eurozone's newly strengthened €440 billion (\$590 billion) bailout fund would then only serve as a backstop if a member state can't cope with shoring up its banks' capital.

France, however, was reported to favor turning to the fund's resources right away instead of relying on a national facility to recapitalize its banks — who

are among the biggest holders of Greek bonds. But Sarkozy sought on Sunday to dispel the notion of different approaches regarding the European Financial Stability Facility, saying "there are no disagreements."

German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble and his French counterpart, Francois Baroin, also took part in the two leaders' discussions.

Merkel and Sarkozy were set to have a working dinner following the news conference they gave at the chancellery.

Germany and France, which together represent about half of the 17-nation currency zone's economic output, regularly hold talks before EU summits to chart out joint positions.

The implosion of Belgian lender Dexia following its sizable exposure to Greek and other eurozone sovereign debt, meanwhile, added a sense of urgency to the talks. France, Belgium and Luxembourg announced Sunday they had approved a plan for the future of the embattled bank, but they offered no details. France and Belgium became part owners of the bank during a €6 billion (\$7.8 billion) 2008 bailout. While an all-out Greek default appears unlikely, bondholders might still face severe losses, with some analysts maintaining that Greece's debt must be cut by about 50 percent or more to attain a sustainable level. □

Scientist; analysis disputes FBI's closing of anthrax case



Dr. Martin Hugh-Jones, a world authority on anthrax at Louisiana State University, at his office on campus in Baton Rouge, La. Hugh-Jones is one of three scientists arguing, a decade after wisps of anthrax killed five people, sickened 17 others and terrified the nation, on whether federal investigators got the right man and whether the FBI's long inquiry brushed aside important clues.

(Tim Mueller/The New York Times)

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The scientists make their case in a coming issue of the Journal of Bioterrorism & Biodefense.

FBI documents reviewed by The New York Times show that bureau scientists focused on tin early in their eight-year investigation, calling it an "element of interest" and a potentially critical clue to the criminal case. They later dropped their lengthy inquiry, formally closing the case last year, never mentioned the inquiry publicly and never offered any detailed account of how they thought the powder had been made.

The new paper raises the prospect — for the first time in a serious scientific forum — that the Army biodefense expert identified by the FBI

as the perpetrator, Bruce E. Ivins, had help in obtaining his germ weapons or conceivably was innocent of the crime. Both the chairwoman of a National Academy of Science panel that spent a year and a half reviewing the FBI's scientific work and the director of a new review by the Government Accountability Office said the paper raised important questions that should be addressed.

Alice P. Gast, president of Lehigh University and head of the academy panel, said the paper "points out connections that deserve further consideration."

Gast, a chemical engineer, said the "chemical signatures" in the mailed anthrax and their potential value to the criminal investigation had not been fully explored. □

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7 tread water for hours now rescued

MARATHON, Florida (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard says one woman has died and seven people treaded water in choppy seas for 20 hours before being rescued off the Florida Keys.



Seaman Kendra Graves, right, and Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert Femia assist EMS personnel in Marathon, Fla., with one of seven boaters rescued after treading water for around 20 hours after the boat capsized and sank. A Coast Guard news release (AP Photo/U.S. Coast Guard)

Petty Officer Nick Ameen says a person who rescued three of the boaters called the Coast Guard about 8 a.m. Sunday and told them others were still in the water. He says about an hour later a boat crew found the four who had drifted about four miles (6.5 kilometers) from the boat that capsized and sank Saturday afternoon off Marathon. □

Subdued Perry tries to steady campaign in Iowa

CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press

ORANGE CITY, Iowa (AP) — Rick Perry has lost some of his Texas swagger. Maybe

more like a cowboy cautiously remounting his horse after a surprising throw. In four Iowa towns in two days, the Texas governor

chief rival Mitt Romney by name. It's possible, however, that he was thinking of the former Massachusetts governor when he repeat-

cate of free markets, then veered back into his familiar criticisms of President Barack Obama's stimulus programs.

Perry has sharpened his answers about illegal immigrants, the topic that bedeviled him in the Sept. 22 debate, and which several Iowa Republicans pointedly raised this weekend.

A woman in Spencer said she could not understand why he agreed to give in-state college tuition rates to illegal immigrants in Texas.

Perry defended the program. But he avoided suggesting that its critics have no heart, as he did in the last debate, to widespread criticism. He stuck entirely to economic reasons.

"Are we going to create a class of tax wasters or are we going to create taxpayers?" he asked, describing the difference between immigrants who don't go to college and those who do. "Texas chose the latter."

Several skeptics seemed unconvinced, as Perry drew less of a distinction between illegal immigrants and U.S. citizens than they wanted to hear.

Speaking to another woman who challenged him as he was leaving the event in Orange City, the governor said: "Anyone who moves to the state of Texas and spends three years there, they are eligible for in-state tuition. So no free ride at all." □



Republican presidential hopeful Gov. Rick Perry of Texas gestures during a speech at the Values Voter Summit on Friday, 1 in Washington.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

that's what happens when a governor tops Republican presidential polls the minute he joins the race, only to plummet after a shaky debate performance. Whatever the cause, it was a more careful Perry who campaigned in Iowa over the weekend, trying to get his campaign back on track before Tuesday's debate in New Hampshire and an Oct. 18 debate in Las Vegas. Rather than the new sheriff in town, he looked

stuck to his stump speech, sometimes glancing at notes. He took a half dozen questions from voters at each stop, but none from the numerous reporters around him. He shook some hands and posed for pictures in the small but crowded restaurants his staff selected, but he left before others could greet him. Some voters appeared eager for more love than he returned. Perry never mentioned his

edly said Iowans measure leaders "by how they walk, not how they talk" on issues such as job creation. Perry seemed so eager to stick to his talking points that he passed up some easy opportunities to score points. Asked in Orange City what books have influenced him, Perry didn't mention the Bible or the works of famous Americans. He cited only the late Austrian economist Friedrich Hayek, a strong advo-

Seasoned activists critique Wall Street protests

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — To veterans of past social movements, the Occupy Wall Street protests that began in New York and spread nationwide have been a welcome response to corporate greed and the enfeebled economy. But whether the energy of protesters can be tapped to transform the political climate remains to be seen.

"There's a difference between an emotional outcry and a movement," said Andrew Young, who worked alongside the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. as a strategist during the civil rights movement and served as mayor of Atlanta and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. "This is an emotional outcry. The difference is organiza-

tion and articulation."

The nearly four-week-old protest that began in a lower Manhattan park has taken on a semblance of organization and a coherent message has largely emerged: That "the 99 percent" who struggle daily as the economy shudders, employment stagnates and medical costs rise are suffering as the 1 percent who control the vast majority of the economy's wealth continues to prosper. Labor unions and students joined the protest on Wednesday, swelling the ranks for a day into the thousands, and lending the occupation a surge of political clout and legitimacy. President Barack Obama said Thursday that the protesters were "giving voice to a more broad-based



Demonstrators participate in an Occupy D.C. protest near the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, Oct. 6, 2011. Demonstrations similar to the one that began near Wall Street last month are popping up in cities across the country, aided by social media and fueled by anger at financial institutions.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

frustration about how our financial system works;" some Republicans have been seeking to cast Occupy Wall Street as class warfare. The growing cohesiveness and profile of the protest have caught the attention of public intellectuals and veterans of past social movements.

"I think if the idea of the movement is to raise the discontent that a lot of people from different walks of life and different persuasions have on the economic inequity in this country — it's been perfect," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, a civil rights activist who plans to broadcast his nationally syndicated radio show from the park on Monday and five days later lead a jobs march in Washington, D.C. He said he felt it was necessary to be there to talk about how blacks and Latinos are also buffeted by the economic difficulties. "I think it is more a movement to show dissatisfaction. I think that is effective and useful," he said.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, a veteran civil rights leader who also was an aide to King, said the protest was a growing success. "There is a legitimacy to their demands for economic reconstruction," he said, with the analysis of the problems in the economic system

"dead on," as he wrote in a commentary.

He said the protest could become a powerful movement if "it remains disciplined, focused and non-violent — and turns some of their pain into voting power." History is littered with social movements that failed to emerge as political forces to create lasting change — including mass labor protests to end unemployment and to call attention to job injustices, said Immanuel Ness, a professor of political science at Brooklyn College and the editor of the "Encyclopedia of American Social Movements."

He compared it to the conservative tea party movement which advocates small government and low taxes, saying both were raising concerns about general anxieties over the economic system.

"The messaging is directed at working people," he said. "Both the tea party and Occupy Wall Street are arguing that something needs to change. The question is, What is the source of the problem?"

In the late 1990s, a global movement to reject corporate-driven globalization took to the streets, most famously in the U.S. by shutting down the 1999 meeting of the World Trade Organization in Seattle. □



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As earnings season arrives, banks brace for more chagrin

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The protesters who have gathered for weeks near Wall Street and the highly paid investors and analysts in the buildings that surround them don't agree on much. But when it comes to the nation's biggest banks, they have a lot more in common than you'd think. Both are deeply frustrated with financial institutions in general and have little faith in the message coming from bank executives. Never popular to begin with, the nation's biggest banks are rapidly becoming a key focus of public dissatisfaction with the economy, uniting opponents who range from consumers upset about new fees, to protesters who blame them for the nation's economic woes, and lately, to Wall Street types who have dumped their bank shares en masse. It's likely to get worse before it gets better.

Banks are due to begin reporting earnings this week, and the numbers are likely to leave investors as frustrated as ever, making the banks even more desperate to impose new charges on consumers' accounts and rack up bigger trading profits. Overall, revenue is expected to fall another 4 percent in the third quarter, slipping back to 2005 levels, according to data from Trepp. The industry's earnings are expected to be about what they were in late 2002.

The biggest banks are expected to be hit hard by a sharp slowdown in their Wall Street-related businesses because of the chaotic third quarter in the markets. But the growth prospects for traditional banking aren't great either. Tough new federal regulations restricting overdraft charges and other penalties are already taking a big bite out of profits. And then there are the government-mandated cuts in once-lucrative debit card swipe fees, which have prompted banks to try to recoup billions of dollars in lost revenue with increases like Bank of America's controversial new \$5

monthly debit card fee.

Besides leaving consumers infuriated, the debit card fees have also drawn the wrath of the White House, with President Barack Obama warning last week that customers shouldn't be "mistreated" in pursuit of profits, while Vice President Joe Biden characterized moves to hit consumers with new charges "incredibly tone deaf." Sen. Richard J. Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Senate Democrat, took the unusual step of denouncing Bank of America on the Senate floor, urging customers to "vote with your feet, get the heck out of that bank." Investors certainly have. Bank stocks are at lows not seen since the wake of the financial crisis, and shares of Bank of America, the nation's biggest bank, are down more than 50 percent since the start of the year, while Citigroup is down almost 40 percent. David H. Ellison, an FBR mutual fund manager who invests in financial companies, likens owning bank stocks these days to holding airline stocks in the months after the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001. "Nobody wants to own the group," he said. "Everybody thinks it is not the place to be."

And in a kind of unusual convergence, protesters and bank analysts alike have had it with bank management. For the protesters, financial institutions, among other things, symbolize growing economic inequality in the United States, with bank executives enjoying huge pay packages even as their companies benefit from government support. Investors distrust them because they've disappointed the Street in quarter after quarter, and seem unable to grow. "There is a huge skepticism, that goes way beyond normal healthy doubt, about how reliable their numbers and guidance are," said Chris Kotowski, an analyst with Oppenheimer. "People who were bullish are frustrated and beaten down." Michael Mayo, a longtime financial services analyst, has been traveling around



Molly Katchpole, who launched a petition against Bank of America's debit-card fee, cuts up her card during a news conference in Washington, Oct. 6, 2011. The nation's largest banks are rapidly becoming a key focus of public dissatisfaction with the economy, uniting opponents ranging from consumers, protesters and lately, to Wall Street types.

(Daniel Rosenbaum/The New York Times)

the world over the last year, calling attention to what he calls his "Japan-lite" thesis — the view that the United States and its banks are in for a prolonged period of very slow growth, not unlike Japan's "lost decade" in the 1990s. A year ago, he said, about four of five clients brushed off his investment thesis. Today, he said, most agree. Mayo argues there is so much pressure on loans, margins and revenue that even at these depressed levels, American bank stocks are too richly priced. And the political and financial uncertainty in Europe makes the sector even more risky.

"Underweight bank stocks and put more of your money elsewhere," he advises. Wall Street has been busy ratcheting down its profit forecasts. At the end of June, analysts were projecting financial sector earnings in the third quarter would rise 15.6 percent, according to consensus data from Thomson Reuters. Today, they are looking for a mere 2.8 percent increase. Yet the coming quarterly reports, which begin with JPMorgan Chase on Thursday, should offer a few bright spots.Â

Analysts expect that auto, credit card and corporate lending will have inched upward in the third quarter and lower credit losses could mean the release of several billion dollars worth of past reserves that will be counted toward current

profits. But these days, investors are looking past such glimmers of good news for the banks. They are increas-

ingly focused on the consequences of prolonged unemployment of more than 9 percent and an almost daily drumbeat of other grim economic data. What's more, worries are rising that the debt troubles in Europe could infect the balance sheets of American financial institutions. Even though the banks insist their exposures aren't a cause for alarm, investors have so little faith in the numbers that their first reaction is to sell their shares first, and ask questions later. The credit default swap market provides one clue of how deep those fears run, as the cost of buying insurance against the default of billions of dollars worth of bank debt has surged since mid-July. □

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4 generator failures hit US nuclear plants

RAY HENRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Four generators that power emergency systems at U.S. nuclear plants have failed when needed since April, an unusual cluster that has attracted the attention of federal inspectors and could prompt the industry to re-examine its maintenance plans.

None of these failures has threatened the public. But the diesel generators serve the crucial function of supplying electricity to cooling systems that prevent a nuclear plant's hot, radioactive fuel from overheating, melting and potentially releasing radiation into the environment. That worst-case scenario happened this year when the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant in Japan lost all backup power for its cooling systems after an earthquake and tsunami. Three diesel generators failed after tornadoes ripped across Alabama and knocked out electric lines serving the Tennessee Valley Authority's Browns Ferry nuclear plant in April. Two failed because of mechanical problems and one

was unavailable because of planned maintenance. Another generator failed at the North Anna plant in

other instances since 1997 because of mechanical failures or because they were offline for maintenance.

mission. "To me it's not an alarming thing," said Michael Golay, a professor at the

ue, you'd certainly want to look into it."

At a minimum, the failures have prompted NRC inspectors to increase their scrutiny at plants where the problems happened. Beyond that, industry officials and academics say the incidents could lead the NRC to formally warn nuclear plant operators about the recent failures and prompt utilities to reevaluate what can disable a generator. Some think these experiences may factor into upcoming rules the NRC will issue in response to the crisis in Japan.

A single generator failure is not a calamity. All reactors have at least one backup generator and sometimes more. If the diesel generators fail, nuclear plants can run safety gear off batteries for hours or use steam-driven pumps to keep cooling water flowing.

But the loss of all emergency power — including the diesels — is a crisis. That happened on March 11 when an earthquake and tsunami disabled all the diesel generators at the Japanese plant. Three of its six reactors suffered meltdowns. □



This undated image provided by the Los Alamos National Laboratory shows the excavation area known as Area B, the original dump site on lab property that was used during the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, N.M. Over the past three years, lab workers laboring under highly specialized containment domes built literally just a mile or so from downtown Los Alamos -- have pulled up everything from a truck believed to have been used at the first nuclear test bomb explosion to whiskey bottles, calendars and about twice as much toxic waste and soil as had been thought to be buried at what is known as Area B.

(AP Photo/Los Alamos National Laboratory)

Virginia following an August earthquake. Generators have not worked when needed in at least a dozen

nance, according to an Associated Press review of reports compiled by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Com-

Massachusetts Institute of Technology who studies risk at nuclear plants. "But if this trend were to contin-

Male runner collapses at Chicago Marathon, dies

ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — A 35-year-old North Carolina firefighter who was running for charity died Sunday after collapsing during the Chicago Marathon.

Greensboro Deputy Fire Chief Clarence Hunter said that William Caviness was running to raise money to help burn victims, but declined to talk further. He

did read a statement from Chief Gregory Grayson.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the entire Caviness family in this tremendous loss of Capt. Will Caviness. The Greensboro Fire Department family is grieving this great loss and will strive to support the family through this difficult time." Hunter said that the department would not have anything further to say until Monday, after talking

to the Caviness family. Race medical director Dr. George Chiampas said the North Carolina man collapsed on the course about 500 yards from the finish line. He said medical personnel were able to get his heart beating again but he died 1 hour, 45 minutes after he was attended to at the race.

"We extend our condolences and thoughts and prayers to the fam-

ily," race director Carey Pinkowski said.

Chicago police spokesman Darryl Baety said the runner collapsed to the ground around 10:30 a.m. while running on city's near South Side. He was pronounced dead at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center around noon.

The Cook County medical examiner's office said an autopsy is planned for Monday. □

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24 dead in worst Cairo riots since Mubarak ouster



Egyptian Coptic demonstrators carry Christian crosses and chant anti army slogans during a Copts demonstration that developed into clashes with army soldiers in Cairo, Egypt Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011. Massive clashes that drew in Christians angry over a recent church attack, Muslims, and Egyptian security forces raged over a large section of downtown Cairo Sunday night, leaving at least 19 people dead and more than 150 injured, Health Ministry officials said. It was the worst violence since the 18-day uprising that ousted Hosni Mubarak in February.

(AP Photo/Nasser Nasser)

MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Flames lit up downtown Cairo, where massive clashes raged Sunday, drawing Christians angry over a recent church attack, hard-line Muslims and Egyptian security forces. At least 24 people were killed and more than 200 injured in the worst sectarian violence since the uprising that ousted Hosni Mubarak in February. The rioting lasted late into the night, bringing out a deployment of more than 1,000 security forces and armored vehicles to defend the state television building along the Nile, where the trouble began. The military clamped a curfew on the area until 7 a.m. The clashes spread to near-

by Tahrir Square, drawing thousands of people to the vast plaza that served as the epicenter of the protests that ousted Mubarak. On Sunday night, they battled each other with rocks and firebombs, some tearing up pavement for ammunition and others collecting stones in boxes. At one point, an armored security van sped into the crowd, striking a half-dozen protesters and throwing some into the air. Protesters retaliated by setting fire to military vehicles, a bus and private cars, sending flames rising into the night sky. After midnight, mobs roamed downtown streets, attacking cars they suspected had Christian passengers. In many areas,

there was no visible police or army presence to confront or stop them.

Christians, who make up about 10 percent of Egypt's 80 million people, blame the country's ruling military council for being too lenient on those behind a spate of anti-Christian attacks since Mubarak's ouster. As Egypt undergoes a chaotic power transition and security vacuum in the wake of the uprising, the Coptic Christian minority is particularly worried about the show of force by ultra-conservative Islamists.

The Christian protesters said their demonstration began as a peaceful attempt to sit in at the television building. But then, they said, they came under attack by thugs in plainclothes who rained stones down on them and fired pellets. "The protest was peaceful. We wanted to hold a sit-in, as usual," said Essam Khalili, a protester wearing a white shirt with a cross on it. "Thugs attacked us and a military vehicle jumped over a sidewalk and ran over at least 10 people. I saw them." □



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Cuba won't unilaterally free Gross

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The United States should not expect Cuba to make a unilateral humanitarian gesture to release an imprisoned American government contractor, a senior Cuban official said Sunday. Cuban Parliament President Ricardo Alarcon told The Associated Press in an interview that to expect such a gesture on behalf of Alan Gross "would not be reasonable."

Gross was sentenced to 15 years in prison in March for crimes against the Cuban state. He was arrested in December 2009 after getting caught illegally bring-

ing communications equipment onto the island while on a USAID-funded democracy building program.

Cuba's Supreme Court upheld Gross' sentence in August, and U.S. efforts turned to winning his release on humanitarian grounds. Both his elderly mother and adult daughter are battling cancer and his family has suffered financial hardship since his arrest, says his wife, Judy Gross.

During a visit to Mexico, Alarcon said the U.S. government "should get a good armchair and sit down to wait" if it is hoping for a humanitarian release. "To expect a unilateral gesture wouldn't be reason-



Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba's National Assembly, speaks during a press conference in Mexico City. Alarcon demanded President Barack Obama return Cuban Rene Gonzalez to Cuba after he was released Friday from a Florida jail. One of the so-called "Cuban Five," 55-year-old Rene Gonzalez, served about 13 years on a conviction for participating in a scheme to infiltrate U.S. military bases and keep tabs on Cuban exiles for Fidel Castro's government. He must now serve three years' probation in the U.S., unless his attorney can persuade a federal judge to let him return to Cuba where he's hailed as a hero.

(AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)

able," Alarcon said.

He also had harsh words for former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who visited

Cuba in early September to negotiate Gross' release. Cuban officials rebuffed his efforts, and Richardson

went home without seeing Gross.

Alarcon said Richardson went to Cuba on a private trip and not as part of a U.S. mission. Richardson's trip "was like doing amateur diplomacy, and that doesn't exist, that's Bill's invention," Alarcon said.

Richardson has said he was invited to the island by Cuban officials to negotiate Gross' release. Alarcon said Richardson suggested the U.S. and Cuba conduct a swap between Gross and Rene Gonzalez, one of five Cuban nationals convicted in 2001 as part of the "Wasp Network" that sought to spy on U.S. military installations in South Florida. Gonzalez has dual U.S.-Cuban citizenship. Gonzalez was released Friday after 13 years in prison but a judge has ordered him to serve three years probation in the U.S. before returning to Cuba. □

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In rare rally, Somalis protest al-Shabab

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Mohamed Ibrahim reported from Mogadishu, Somalia, and Jeffrey Gettleman from Nairobi, Kenya.

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Thousands of residents of this bullet-scarred city packed into a stadium Sunday to denounce the al-Shabab Islamist group for the suicide bombing last week that killed scores of people, many of them students.

It was one of the largest rallies in years in Mogadishu, Somalia's capital.

Many participants cried as politicians and others took turns heaping scorn on al-Shabab, the militant group

that claimed responsibility for Tuesday's truck bombing.

"Should we abandon our country because of fugitive criminals from abroad and children who have disobeyed their parents?" asked President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed. "The answer is no." The rally was held around noon on a steamy day. Many people were soaked in sweat by the time they walked from their neighborhoods to the old soccer stadium, located in central Mogadishu. The program included speeches and traditional Somali dances. Many people seemed deeply moved.

"I came here to denounce the Shabab's massacre on

the students," said Halima Ulusow, an elderly woman whose face was wet with tears. "We have to oppose all the bad culture imported to our country by the Shabab." Somalia has languished without a functioning central government for more than 20 years, and there have been endless rounds of conflict between clan warlords, religious groups and militias-for-hire. The country has fragmented into fiefs, and in southern Somalia, which includes Mogadishu, a weak, transitional government has been battling al-Shabab militants for several years. It was the transitional government that organized the rally Sunday. □



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Israel copes with bout of extremist violence

JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — A new rogue element has emerged in the Israeli-Palestinian gallery: Unknown assailants, widely assumed to be Jewish extremists, have vandalized Muslim cemeteries, mosques and farmlands in a spate of attacks that have put the country on edge.

These attacks, which in recent days have spread from the West Bank into Israel proper, have stoked fears of heightened violence and sparked increasingly agitated calls to find and punish the assailants. On Sunday, Israeli leaders chimed in with condemnations, and police said they were stepping up efforts to halt the violence.

"It's against everything that the Jewish people stand for, as a country and as a democracy," said President Shimon Peres, a Nobel peace laureate.

"I am sure that our police will apprehend all the people who did this, the criminals, and we shall not let them walk free."

In the latest incident, vandals sprayed-painted "Death to the Arabs" in Muslim and Christian cemeteries in the Jaffa section of Tel Aviv.

The rampage, discovered late Saturday after Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, followed a mosque burning last week in an Arab village in northern Israel. The torching set off violent clashes between residents and police in a town that has historically been a model of coexistence.

The two incidents were among the first to take place inside Israel, where Arab residents, in contrast with their Palestinian brethren



Palestinians chant slogans during a demonstration in solidarity with prisoners jailed in Israel in front of the International Red Cross building in Gaza City, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011.

(AP Photo/Hatem Moussa)

ren in the neighboring West Bank, are citizens. For several years, Israeli

settlers have frequently attacked Palestinian targets in the West Bank, vandaliz-

ing mosques and uprooting olive trees. These attacks are meant to

protest Israeli government policies seen as sympathetic to the Palestinians, who hope to make the West Bank part of an independent state. Nationalist settlers oppose a Palestinian state on what they say is land promised to the Jews in the Bible.

On Sunday, some 100 settlers attacked a group of Palestinian villagers in their olive groves near Nablus in the northern West Bank with sticks and stones, witnesses said. The army said it rushed to the scene and broke up the clash, allowing the farmers to harvest their crop.

At times, the Israeli army itself has become a target of the settlers, with vandals stoning or slashing the tires of military vehicles. □



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Cameroon polls face setbacks, incumbent seeks win

EMMANUEL TUMANJONG

Associated Press

YAOUNDE, Cameroon (AP)

— Cameroon's presidential polls faced setbacks with low voter turnout and some voters leaving stations because they weren't properly registered to cast a ballot in an election widely expected to take the nation's longtime leader into his fourth decade in power.

A disjointed opposition, an aloof electorate and a ballot bursting with a record 23 candidates for a single-round poll make victory for the incumbent, Paul Biya, a foregone conclusion. The Constitutional Council has two weeks to declare results. "I have no time for politics. All what you call an election is a masquerade. Everyone can see that there's already a winner," said 26-year-old trader in Yaounde, Donald Borogue, who said he planned to work out instead of vote.

Biya's key challenger is longtime opposition leader, Ni John Fru Ndi, who he has faced before. Biya swept the last election in 2004 with a landslide 70 percent of ballots. Fru Ndi followed with a mere 17 percent. Polls in the capital Yaounde opened nearly three hours late Sunday and to low turnout. Some polling stations only had a handful of voters in line throughout

the day, and the streets of the capital were deserted. Some voters even left polling stations without casting a ballot after failing to find their names on voter rolls, or because they were unable to pick up voter ID cards. Others said they abstained from voting out

of protest or disillusionment. "I am not surprised to see that voters were largely absent at the polling



An electoral official count ballot papers using candle lights after the Presidential election in Yaounde, Cameroon, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011. Cameroonians went to the polls Sunday to elect a new President. A disjointed opposition, an aloof electorate and a ballot bursting with a record 23 candidates for a single-round poll make victory for the incumbent, Paul Biya, a foregone conclusion. The Constitutional Council has two weeks to declare results.

(AP Photo/Sunday Alamba)

stations. I see this to be a natural sanction to Mr. Biya, who has decided to eternalize himself in power," said unemployed Yaounde resident Herbert Ngom. □

Faltering economy poses new threat to Syrian leader

NADA BAKRI

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BEIRUT — The Syrian economy is buckling under the pressure of targeted sanctions by the West and a continuing popular uprising, posing the greatest challenge to President Bashar Assad's government as the pain is felt deeply by nearly every layer of Syrian society.

With Syria's currency weakening, its recession expanding, its tourism industry wrecked and international sanctions affecting most essential sectors, the International Monetary Fund now expects Syria's economy to shrink this year by at least 2 percent.

Through nearly seven months of protests and a brutal crackdown that has killed more than 2,900 people, Assad and his political supporters have demonstrated a cohesiveness that has surprised even his critics. Differences that may exist have stayed inside a ruling clique that draws on Assad's clan and sect, and the security services have yet to fracture.

But analysts in the region and officials in Turkey and the United States say the faltering economy presents a double blow to a government that had once relied on its economic successes as a crucial source of legitimacy. As many Syrians, poor and rich, feel the effects of the revolt in their daily lives, a sense of desperation is echoed in the streets, even in Damascus and Aleppo, the country's two largest cities and economic centers.

While neither has risen up like other Syrian cities, complaints are growing, and U.S. and Turkish officials say they believe the merchant elite in both cities will eventually turn against Assad. "I can no longer afford to buy anything for my family," said Ibrahim Nimr, an economic analyst based in Damascus, the capital. "I am not making any more money. I am facing difficulties, and I don't know what to do." A businessman in Damascus, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal, said: "People are not buying anything they don't need these days. Just barely the necessities."

U.S. and Turkish officials say that a collapse is not imminent and that the government can probably survive through the end of the year. But they now believe it is possible that the toll of the sanctions and protests could bring down Assad in six to 18 months.

"We're all waiting for the thing that will crack them," an Obama administration official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "And it will be the economy that will wake everybody up, both those who support him, and Assad and his circle."

Revenues from oil and gas exports, which account for up to a third of state revenues and are the single biggest source of foreign currency, will dry up at the beginning of November, when a European Union ban on imports will fully come into force. The unrest has paralyzed the tourism industry, which brings in \$7.7 billion a year. Several hotels in Damascus said they did not have any bookings for now or anytime in the future, and some hotel owners said that they closed their facilities in the summer because they could no longer afford to pay salaries and bills. □

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Tunisian police stop hardline attack on TV station

BOUAZZA BEN BOUAZZA
Associated Press
TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Tunisian police on Sunday arrested dozens of Islamist demonstrators set on attacking the offices of a television channel that had shown the award-winning film "Persepolis," officials said.

The assault is the latest in a rise in attacks against perceived symbols of secularism by hardcore Muslims in Tunisia ahead of this month's election. Once suppressed by the former regime, conservative Muslims are increasingly making themselves heard in the country's politics.

Interior Ministry spokesman Hichem Meddeb said police blocked the attackers before they could reach the offices of the Nessma private television channel in the center of Tunis and arrested around 50 of them.

Meddeb said there were also casualties, without specifying how many, and emphasized "authorities' determination to oppose troublemakers."

The head of Nessma, Nabil Karoui, said that the attackers were angered by the channel's recent showing of "Persepolis," Marjane Satrapi's moving and humorous adaptation of her graphic novels about growing up during and after Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution. He said they consider it hostile to their religious convictions.

The film won the jury prize at the 2007 Cannes Film Festival.

"These extremists want to impose a new dictatorship," Karoui told The Associated Press. "We are channel for liberty, modernism and democracy. We will not back down and

will continue to follow our independent editorial line." Later in the afternoon there were new clashes between police and conservative Islamists in the capital's lower income neighborhood of Jebel Lahmar near the campus of Tunis University, according to eyewitnesses. Hundreds of demonstrators left the mosque follow-

ing afternoon prayers and threw rocks at police who responded with tear gas, according to local resident Mokhtar Ouertani. He said the protest was over the broadcast of Persepolis as well as a state policy banning the conservative Islamic face veil for university students. Tunisians are set to hold landmark elections for a constitutional assembly in just two weeks after overthrowing their long-serving dictator in a popular uprising in January. The ensuing nine months have been filled with unrest and demonstrations as well as the rise of a new ultraconservative group of Muslims that had kept a low profile under the largely secular regime of former President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. Salafists, as the conservatives are known, attacked a movie theater showing film they deemed insulting to Islam on June and just last Thursday a university dean said his campus was also attacked. □



A group of Arab activists visit a voting station as they observe the parliamentary elections in Poland to gather experience for the first democratic elections in decades that they are organizing in Tunisia and Egypt, in Warsaw, Poland, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011. European Union presidency, Poland, invited activists from Egypt, Libya and Tunisia to observe Polish parliamentary elections to support their efforts in holding fully democratic and transparent elections, after the Arab Spring revolution toppled authoritarian regimes in their countries.

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As China sprints ahead, households are left behind

DAVID BARBOZA

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JILIN CITY, China – Wang Jianping and his wife, Shue, are a relatively affluent Chinese couple, with an annual household income of \$16,000 – more than double the national average for urban families.

They own a modest, three-bedroom apartment here in this northeastern industrial city. They paid for their son to study electrical engineering at prestigious Tsinghua University, in Beijing. And even by frugal Asian standards, they are prodigious savers, with \$50,000 in a local state-run bank.

But like many other Chinese families, the Wangs feel pressed. They do not own a car, and they rarely go shopping or out to eat. That's because the value of their nest egg is shrinking, through no fault of their own. Under an economic system that favors state-run banks and companies over wage earners, the government keeps the interest rate on savings accounts so artificially low that it cannot keep pace with China's rising inflation. At the same time, other factors in which the government plays a role – a weak social safety net, depressed wages and soaring home prices – create a hoarding impulse that compels many people to keep saving anyway, against an uncertain future. Indeed, economists say this nation's decade of remarkable economic growth, led by exports and government

investment in big projects like China's high-speed rail network, has to a great extent been underwritten by the household savings – not the spending – of the country's 1.3 billion people.

"This is the foundation of the whole system," said Carl E. Walter, a former J.P. Morgan executive who is co-author of "Red Capitalism: The Fragile Financial Foundation of China's

products and services and shares more fully in the nation's wealth. But rather than rising, China's consumer spending has actually plummeted in the last decade as a portion of the

malaise that now afflicts the United States, Europe and Japan. Already this year, China's economic growth rate has begun to cool off. The Communist Party, in its latest five-year plan, has promised to bolster personal consumption. But doing so would risk undermining a pillar of the country's current financial system: the household savings that support the government-run banks. Here in Jilin City, where chemical manufacturing is the dominant industry, the state banks are flush with money from savings accounts. The banks use that money to make low-interest loans to corporate beneficiaries – including real estate developers, helping fuel a speculative property bubble that has raised housing prices beyond the reach of many consumers. It is a dynamic that has played out in dozens of cities throughout China. "This growth model is past its sell-by date," says Michael Pettis, a professor of finance at Peking University and senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "If China is going to continue to grow, this system will have to change. They're going to have to stop penalizing households." Meanwhile, China's central bank in Beijing also depends on the nation's vast pool of consumer savings to help finance its big investments in the foreign exchange markets, as a way to keep the currency artificially weak. □



A sales woman attempts to attract customers to a wedding dress store along a shopping street in Jilin, China, July 29, 2011. Unless China's current economic system, which favors state-run banks and companies over wage earners, starts giving its own people more spending power, some experts warn the nation could gradually slip into the slow-growth malaise that now afflicts the U.S., Europe and Japan.

(Shiho Fukada/The New York Times)

This system, which some experts refer to as state capitalism, depends on the transfer of wealth from Chinese households to state-run banks, government-backed corporations and the affluent few who are well-connected enough to benefit from the arrangement. Meanwhile, striving middle-class families like the Wangs are unable to enjoy the full fruits of China's economic miracle.

Extraordinary Rise." "The banks make loans to who the Communist Party tells them to," Walter said. "So they punish the household savers in favor of the state-owned companies."

It is not just China's problem. Economists say that for China to continue serving as one of the world's few engines of economic growth, it will need to cultivate a consumer class that buys more of the world's

overall economy, to about 35 percent of gross domestic product, from about 54 percent. That figure is by far the lowest percentage for any big economy anywhere in the world. (Even in the sleepwalking U.S. economy, the level is about 70 percent of GDP.) Unless China starts giving its own people more spending power, some experts warn, the nation could gradually slip into the slow-growth



Med Students celebrate at the Screaming Eagle

EAGLE BEACH – Xavier Medical students celebrate that the famous Screaming Eagle Restaurant Lounge this past weekend. The group of students is temporarily living on Aruba while working on their medical degrees. They enjoyed the unique ambience and fine dining experience of the Screaming Eagle. The Chef described in details his favorite special the Catfish; a freshwater fish with a smooth taste to it, that reminds some of a meaty kind of flavor... an advantage for those who usually shy away from choosing a fish dish, but are willing to try something different. Chef Erwin pan seared the catfish with garlic mashed potato, endives-bacon roll and mornay sauce which creates a real delicious treat. This week's Appetizer specials include: Herb marinated tuna with watermelon, funchi-sesame croutons, crispy Parma ham and fennel dressing; Quiche Lorraine with Dutch shrimp, herb salad and tomato-rosemary mayonnaise; Salad of oxtail fritots, in beer batter deep fried oxtail stew with tomato-orange compote, rucola pesto and reduction of Pedro Ximenez sherry and a Creamy saffron soup with salmon chunks. The Main Course specials this week are: Grilled pork rack, mustard rubbed and herb crusted with duchesse potato, creamy cauliflower and sweet onion sauce; Pan seared veal liver with onion, mushroom, bacon, served with baked potato and sour cream, truffle sauce; Beef teriyaki, pan seared beef tips with fried rice, stir fried vegetables and teriyaki sauce. The Dessert special of the week is a must try: Sticky toffee date cake with vanilla ice cream. □

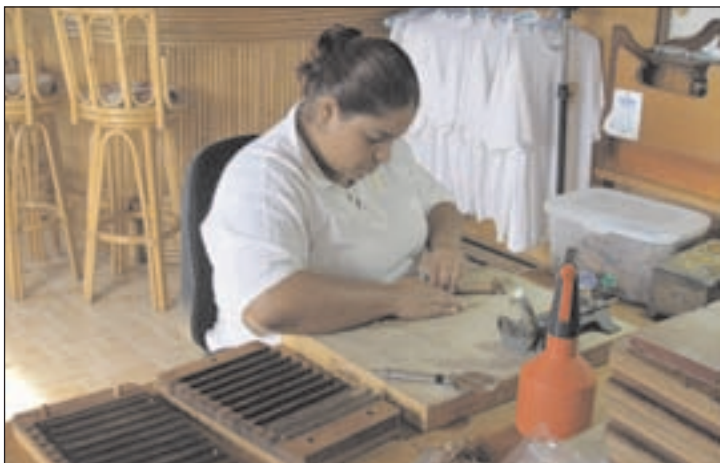


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ORANJESTAD -- Surrounded by well-wishing family members and friends Milo Croes Jr. made his dream of many years come true, that of opening the first Apple iStore in Aruba and watching with great pride the recent ribbon cutting ceremony, at Ponton 67-B. The stylish, contemporary store will be selling only Apple products and all Apple related products and accessories. As Aruba's first

iStore, it will be serving both the local and the tourist markets, bringing the Apple brand and culture closer to the community here. Milo Croes Jr. reports the entire family was anxiously waiting for opening day, having discovered the ease of using MAC computers many years ago, in the spirit of the famous saying: Once you go MAC, you never go back. The new iStore, he explains,

will deliver quality products, backed by the Apple guarantee and enhanced with added value for shoppers, by means of training and educational programs. The opening of the store, he adds, was made possible just recently, in fact this month, October of 2011, when Apple initiated a WORLDWIDE Apple iStore program, known as AAR PLUS, Apple Authorized Reseller Plus Program.

The opening of the iStore Aruba was affected by family members and featured the release of colored balloons in the style adopted by Apple concept stores world over. The family also filmed the opening for YouTube, determined to spread the word internationally that Aruba is among of the most technologically advanced countries in the world.

Apple computers, says Jouel M. Croes, an architect by profession and Milo's dynamic son, have become the most developed, leading innovative computers of all times, and Aruba should be proud to have its own iStore, attesting to the island's level of development. Milo incidentally is the modern day word in Greek for Apple, he banters, apparently, my father was destined to open a store by that name!

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courses of AIG corporate office for continuous career enhancement. Charise looks back at 5 years of hard work with satisfaction and looks forward to continuing in our Company for many more years. Her special interests include reading books and playing tennis with her kids. Charise is married to Mark Hodgson, an architect by profession with two lovely daughters – Nicole and Denise. The attached photos

show Charise receiving her well-earned recognition at the hands of Prakash Gupta, Managing Director of the Company. Prakash commended Charise for all the hard work put in by her during these years and requested to carry on her good work and find more challenging rewards in a Multi-national Company like AIG. Our entire staff joins in extending best wishes to Charise. □



Brewers hit 3 HRs, rally to win Game 1

Milwaukee Brewers' Yuniesky Betancourt reacts after hitting a double during the seventh inning of Game 1 of baseball's National League championship series against the St. Louis Cardinals Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, in Milwaukee.

Associated Press
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Bryce Molder holds the trophy on the 18th hole after winning the Frys.com Open golf tournament in a playoff against Briny Baird, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, in San Martin, Calif. Molder won on the sixth hole of the playoff.

Associated Press

Molder wins longest playoff at CordeValle

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SAN MARTIN, California (AP) — Bryce Molder won the Frys.com Open after the longest playoff this year on the PGA Tour.

Molder made a 6-foot birdie putt on the sixth extra hole Sunday at CordeValle to outlast Briny Baird and capture his first tour victory in his 132nd attempt.

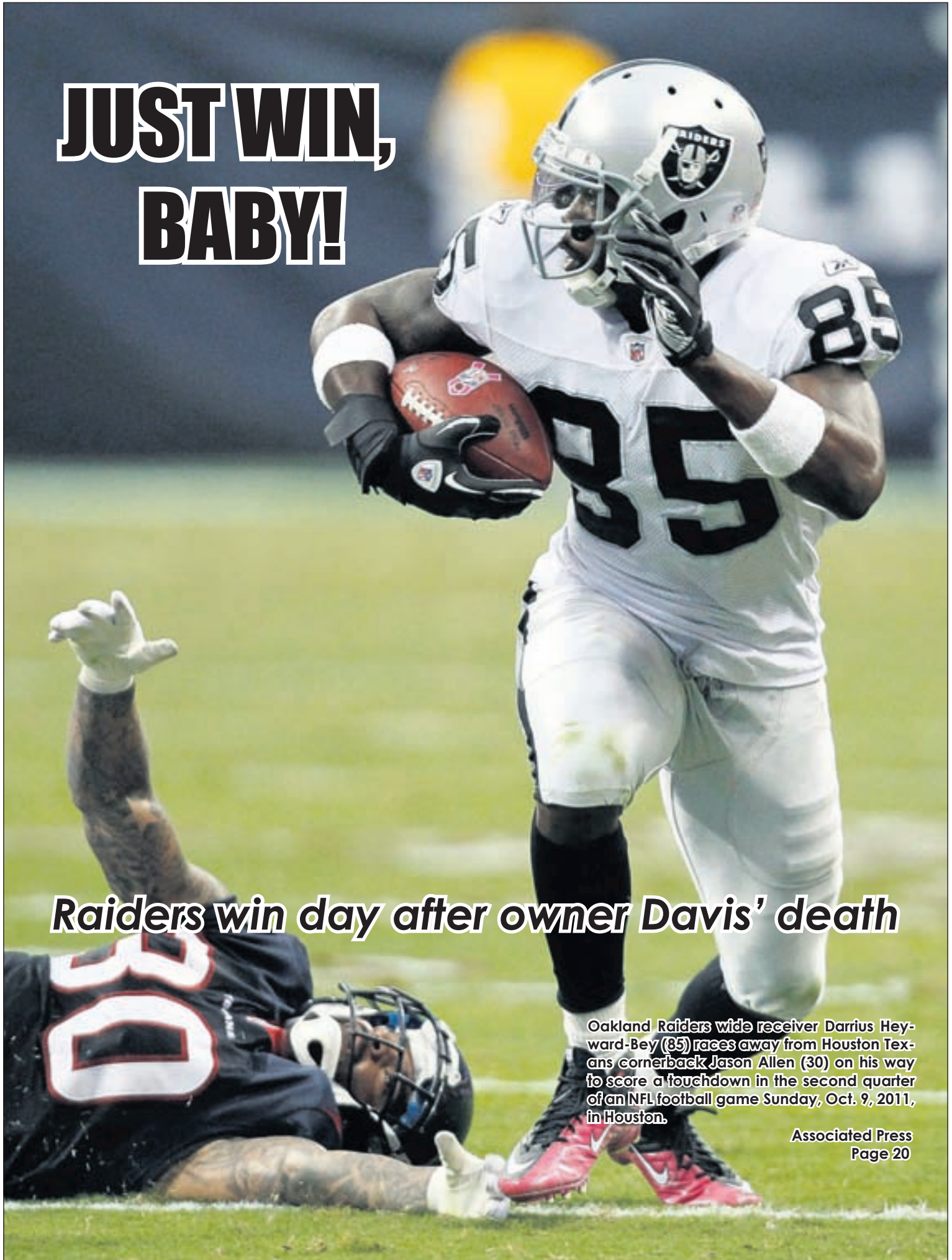
"It's a little surreal right now," Molder said. "That's a lot of golf today."

Tiger Woods managed to make news when a fan ran toward the seventh green as he was putting and tossed a hot dog in his direction. The 31-year-old man was arrested and never came close to Woods.

"I guess he wanted to be in the news," Woods said. "And I'm sure he will be." □

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Raiders win day after owner Davis' death

Oakland Raiders wide receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey (85) races away from Houston Texans cornerback Jason Allen (30) on his way to score a touchdown in the second quarter of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, in Houston.

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Molder wins

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It was the 17th playoff this year on the PGA Tour, setting a record dating to the modern era that began in 1970.

Baird looked like a winner when he chipped in from short of the 17th green for eagle in regulation to take a one-shot lead. In the group ahead of him, Molder rolled in a 12-foot birdie putt on the 18th to close with a 7-under 64, which got him into the playoff.

Baird, who now is 0-for-348 in his 12 years trying to win on tour, shot a 4-under 67. He twice had birdie putts on the 18th in the playoff to win, missing from 8 feet and 12 feet. Molder had three chances to win with eagle putts on the 284-yard 17th, missing from 20 feet, 15 feet and 12 feet, all from about the same line.

They finished at 17-under 267, and then looked as though they would never finish.



Briny Baird, right, measures his putt on the ninth green during the final round of the Frys.com Open golf tournament, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, in San Martin, Calif.

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Bud Cauley, the 21-year-old who turned pro this summer, shot 66 and finished third to earn \$340,000, which looks as if it will be enough for him to earn

a card next year without having to go through the qualifying tournament. It was the second straight week that a player won for the first time after a long

drought. Kevin Na won in Las Vegas after 210 tries. Molder was regarded as a sure thing when he left Georgia Tech as a four-time All-American, but nothing comes easily on the PGA Tour. And as he found out in fading sunlight, noting comes easily in a playoff.

On the fourth extra hole, Molder drove into a hazard on the 18th. He hammered out a shot to the front of the green, and hit a beautiful lag from 80 feet to escape with par.

"It wasn't an easy shot. It certainly wasn't heroic," Molder said. "I knew if I could get a decent club on it, it would go somewhere where I was looking."

Woods had three rounds in the 60s for the first time in more than a year on the PGA Tour, although he finished 10 shots behind in a tie for 30th. It a year lost mainly to left leg injuries, it was his ninth and final tour start. Cauley left Alabama this year to turn pro, and it appeared to be a smart decision. He is projected to

be the equivalent of 114th on the money list with two tournaments remaining. He at least gets into the McGladrey Classic next week. Cauley would be only the seventh player since 1980 — and the first since Ryan Moore in 2005 — to earn a full PGA Tour card without ever going to Q-school.

Cauley was among five players tied for the lead at some point in the final round. As usual at Corde-Valle, this tournament was always going to be decided over the final four holes, which offer to eagle possibilities with the par 5 at No. 15 and the tees moved forward on the 17th, making it play 284 yards over the water. Shane Bertch surged into the lead alone with an eagle at No. 15 to reach 15 under, only to miss a short putt on the next hole. He failed to make another birdie and tied for fourth with a 64. Ernie Els also tied for fourth. He went bunker-to-bunker on the 15th and had to settle for par and closed with a 68. □



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Johnson dominates from start to finish at Kansas

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP)—

Jimmie Johnson didn't qualify where he wanted, and his car never quite cooperated during the final practice session at Kansas Speedway. So he spent Saturday evening in the garage area, going over different setups with the rest of his team. That dedication, that attention to detail, is a big reason he's chasing his sixth straight Cup title. Johnson and his team must have figured things out. The defending series champion stormed to the front early Sunday, then weathered a series of late cautions before holding off Kasey Kahne in a green-white-checked finish for his first win since April.

"Jimmie was very dedicated last night with us, trying to figure out the setup of the car," crew chief Chad Knaus said. "We pored over a lot of combinations and we came up with a good one." Talk about an understatement. Johnson led 197 laps in one of the most dominant performances the track has ever seen. The victory was the 55th for Johnson, moving him into a tie with Rusty Wallace for the eighth on

the career list, and the 199th for team owner Rick Hendrick. "The competitor in all of us, we've known we've been close," Johnson said. Johnson stumbled through the first two races in NASCAR's version of a postseason, and was 10th in the standings heading to Dover. A second-place finish last weekend gave him confidence, and his first win since Talladega moved him into third in the Chase behind Carl Edwards and Kevin Harvick. "I know what my team is capable of," Johnson said, "and we showed today what we're capable of when we're all performing at the top of our game." Jeff Gordon made things interesting when his engine blew up with three laps remaining. Johnson chose not to pit before the sprint to the finish, but still managed to drive away from Kahne and Brad Keselowski on worn out tires. Keselowski, who won the Nationwide race Saturday, wound up third and climbed into fourth place in the Chase with six races left. "It all comes back to having a good team," Keselowski said. "Good teams have good cars, they're the best at the end, the fastest at the end, they

have good pit strategy and they're strong through adversity, and I just have a really good team."

Tony Stewart spent most of the afternoon trying to chase down Johnson, and at times appeared to have the car to do it. Stewart had climbed 17 spots to sixth after about 50 laps, and at one point brashly told his team over the radio, "I'm in a hurry ... I've got things to do." A series of mistakes near the end cost him, though. Stewart chose to pit when Gordon brought out the final caution, but carried too much speed down pit road and slid through his stall. By the time his team backed him up and changed tires, Stewart had shuffled back to 17th and he crossed the finish line in 15th. Stewart won the first two races of the Chase to vault into the points lead, but he struggled all weekend at Dover and finished 25th. He'll now head to Charlotte eighth in the standings. Edwards and Harvick came in tied for lead in the Chase, with the top nine drivers separated by a mere 19 points. Things shook out a bit Sunday, but Edwards and Harvick are still on top. Edwards struggled with a tight car all af-



Jimmie Johnson (48) passes Brad Keselowski (2) during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan., Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011.

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ternoon, and he dropped a lap down at one point, but got back on the lead lap after a caution and stormed to a fifth-place finish. The Missouri native climbed out of his car and said he felt as if he'd won. "We're lucky," Edwards said. "We had two cautions that were timed perfectly, so that was a big deal. We've messed up enough in the past that I'm pretty proud of ability to take our bad days and keep plugging along. We messed up some races, some points races, in the past, and I believe we've learned from that. It's a little test when you go through this to see if someone melts down." Edwards leads the Chase by a point over

Harvick, who finished sixth. Keselowski climbed two spots to fourth in the standings, Matt Kenseth is fifth after a fourth-place run, Kurt Busch dropped two spots to sixth and Kyle Busch is seventh after his top-10 finish. There is still just 19 points separating the top eight drivers. They're all chasing Johnson.

The most dominant driver in NASCAR started 19th and quickly drove to the front, then set it on cruise control the rest of the afternoon. Stewart tried to challenge him, and a few other contenders tried to work fuel strategy to make up ground, but the late yellows took that out of the equation. □

Raiders beat Texans 25-20 day after Davis' death

HOUSTON (AP) — The Oakland Raiders won the day after owner Al Davis died, beating the Houston Texans 25-20 on Sunday behind Jason Campbell's two touchdown passes.

Michael Huff intercepted Matt Schaub's pass in the end zone on the final play to secure the win. Coach Hue Jackson dropped to his knees on the sideline, covered his face with his hands and cried as his team celebrated the bittersweet victory.

Sebastian Janikowski kicked four field goals, and Oakland survived a wild finish to improve to 3-2. Stadiums around the league observed a moment of silence before the early games to honor Davis, who died at his Oakland home at age 82. The Raiders wore black decals on the backs of their helmets with "AL" written in silver letters.

Patriots 30, Jets 21

At Foxborough, Massachusetts, BenJarvus Green-Ellis ran for a career-high 136 yards and two touchdowns.



Oakland Raiders wide receiver Jacoby Ford (12) tries to push away from Houston Texans defensive back Brice McCain in the first quarter of an NFL football game on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, in Houston.
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Tom Brady had another strong game, completing 24 of 33 passes for 321 yards and one touchdown as the Patriots scored at least 30 points for the 13th straight regular-season game.

Meanwhile, New York's Mark Sanchez had another

tough one, passing for just 166 yards against the team that entered with the NFL's lowest-ranked defense. One week earlier, he threw for 119 yards in a 34-17 loss at Baltimore.

***Bills 31, Eagles 24**

At Orchard Park, New York,

Fred Jackson had 196 yards from scrimmage and linebacker Nick Barnett had two of Buffalo's four interceptions.

After scoring on a 31-yard interception return in the second quarter, Barnett sealed the victory by grab-

bing Michael Vick's tipped pass intended for Jason Avant with 1:49 remaining at the Bills 26.

Jackson scored on a 5-yard run and finished with 111 yards rushing in helping the Bills (4-1) match their best start since 2008.

***Saints 30, Panthers 27**

At Charlotte, North Carolina, Drew Brees found Pierre Thomas wide open on the right side for a 6-yard touchdown with 50 seconds left to lift New Orleans (4-1)

Brees threw for 359 yards and two touchdowns, including a nearly flawless final drive in which he completed 8 of 9 passes for 80 yards to take back momentum after Cam Newton and the Panthers (1-4) had taken their first lead early in the fourth quarter.

The Saints' defense finally sealed the win, letting the Panthers reach only midfield before Newton's desperation heave downfield fell incomplete for the game's the final play.

***Chargers 29, Broncos 24**

At Denver, Philip Rivers overcame an interception and a fourth-quarter fumble to lead San Diego despite Tim Tebow's best efforts to rally Denver from a 16-point deficit. Tebow threw for one touchdown and ran for another after replacing Kyle Orton to start the third quarter, and had one final shot for the win before his pass fell incomplete in the end zone on the final play. Nick Novak kicked five field goals and Ryan Mathews ran for a career-best 125 yards for San Diego, which takes a 4-1 record into its bye week.

***49ers 48, Buccaneers 3**

At San Francisco, Alex Smith threw two of his three touchdown passes to Vernon Davis, Frank Gore ran for a score in his second straight 100-yard rushing game for San Francisco.

Carlos Rogers returned an interception 31 yards for a touchdown and tight ends Davis and Delanie Walker each caught TD passes of 20-plus yards in San Francisco's third straight win since blowing a late lead in a Sept. 18 overtime loss to the Cowboys.

NBA players say 'there's still time' to reach deal

TIM REYNOLDS
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — LeBron James grabbed a microphone, then turned and pointed at the 4,000 fans who packed the arena that hosted the South Florida All-Star Classic. Their cheers nearly drowned out his words.

"There's no us without you guys," James said. "Every last one of you guys."

Such was the scene in Miami on Saturday night at the exhibition hosted by James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh — an emotional outpouring from fans, similar to what's happened at other games that have popped up during the NBA lockout.

The NBA preseason schedule was supposed to open with five games on Sunday, but that slate was canceled long ago and the first two weeks of the regular season are now in jeopardy as well. "There's still time,"

Heat player representative James Jones said. "There's always time.

Anything can happen. But you have to be realistic and understand that just because there's time it doesn't mean that something will get done. But on the flip side, something can get done."

On Sunday, a person with knowledge of the plans told The Associated Press that top negotiators for the NBA and players' association had agreed to meet again, two days after the union said the league insisted it accept a 50-50 split of revenues as a condition for returning to the negotiating table. Players balked at that demand.

So everything remains very uncertain, and that was one of many reasons why fans were in no hurry to leave after seeing James, Wade, Bosh and a slew of other stars play at Florida



Team captains Dwyane Wade, left, and LeBron James (6), both from the Miami Heat, talk during the second half of the South Florida All-Star Classic NBA basketball game in Miami, Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011. Team Wade won 141-140 in overtime.
Associated Press

International on Saturday night. Simply stated, those fans aren't sure when they'll see them again.

"The fans need the game," said NBA veteran Caron Butler, who ended last season with the champion Dallas Mavericks. "They miss the game.

And we want to play it." Wade asked the players to stick around after Sat-

urday's game ended for what turned into an hour-long meeting on the status of the labor negotiations. The AP has learned Wade is trying to become more involved in the talks, and urged those who were in the room with him late Saturday night to be as "informed" as possible about what's at stake in this next labor agreement.



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Brewers rally to beat Cardinals 9-6 in NLCS opener

By CHRIS JENKINS

AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Even before the first pitch, the Milwaukee Brewers took a swing at the St. Louis Cardinals.

Come Sunday, the Brewers swapped their barbs for bats — and just kept bashing. Needing a comeback in the NL championship series opener, Milwaukee turned to its power duo of Ryan Braun and Prince Fielder, then got a clutch hit from Yuniesky Betancourt to beat the Cardinals 9-6. The Brewers celebrated wildly as the big hits came during a rapid-fire rally.

"It's the playoffs, bro," Fielder said. "You've got to let it all out."

Braun launched a two-run, 463-foot homer in the first inning and added a two-run double during a six-run burst in the fifth. Fielder hit a two-run homer and the typically light-hitting Betancourt added a two-run homer to cap it.

The midgame turnaround came so fast that the crowd wasn't done cheering Braun's big hit when Fielder went deep.

"I don't even know if I heard the ball come off Prince's bat," Brewers manager

Ron Roenicke said. "I knew it was a good swing and came off nice, but when you can't hear the ball, the sound of it, because of all the people yelling. I wasn't sure what was going to happen there until I saw the ball flight."

At least for one game, the bitter NL Central rivals avoided any on-field confrontations in their first post-season matchup since the 1982 World Series.

That's despite an already tense atmosphere that gained some steam when Brewers starter Zack Greinke let it slip on Saturday that some of his teammates don't like the Cardinals' Chris Carpenter — a comment that drew a stern rebuke from Cardinals manager Tony La Russa.

Greinke hinted that he heard a few comments from the Cardinals' dugout Sunday, but he said it was nothing out of the ordinary. "They're yelling from the dugout some, but most teams do that," Greinke said. "Everyone always makes fun of me grunting when I throw a fastball. It's kind of funny sometimes, but no big deal."

The atmosphere was tense



Milwaukee Brewers' Ryan Braun hits a two RBI double during the fifth inning of Game 1 of baseball's National League championship series against the St. Louis Cardinals Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, in Milwaukee.

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even before the first pitch, as La Russa was showered with boos during pre-game introductions. He calmly tipped his cap to the crowd. La Russa said afterward that he hoped the tension wouldn't over-

shadow the competition — although he said he had a sense that some fans and media members would be disappointed if there aren't any repeats of the on-field confrontations the teams have had in the recent

past.

"I don't want our players and their players to be egged on, and I don't think they will," La Russa said. "We're going to play as hard and good against each other as we can." □

Murray beats Nadal to win Japan Open

TOKYO (AP) — Andy Murray of Britain rallied to beat Rafael Nadal 3-6, 6-2, 6-0 and win the Japan Open on Sunday.

Murray overcame losing the first set to win his second straight ATP tour victory.

Murray, who also won last week in Bangkok, broke his Spanish opponent in the fourth game of the second set and then proceeded to win 11 of the next 12

games to clinch the title at Ariake Colosseum.

Nadal, the defending champion, had beaten Murray five straight times entering the match, and had not lost a service game in the tournament.

The title was Murray's fourth of the season after triumphs at Queen's Club, Cincinnati and in Thailand. "There was a lot of close games in the first set and early in the second set,

then I started to get the momentum and didn't give him any chances," Murray said. "I played some great tennis, especially in the third set." □

Andy Murray of Britain kisses his trophy he won after beating Rafael Nadal of Spain in their final match at the Japan Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, Japan, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011.
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Deficit 'Supercommittee' struggles as clock ticks

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — After weeks of secret meetings, the 12-member deficit-cutting panel established under last summer's budget and debt deal appears no closer to a breakthrough than when talks began last month. While the panel members themselves aren't doing much talking, other lawmakers, aides and lobbyists closely tracking the so-called "supercommittee" are increasingly skeptical, even pessimistic, that the panel will be able to meet its assigned goal of at least \$1.2 trillion in deficit savings over the next 10 years. The reason? A familiar deadlock over taxes and cuts to major programs like the Medicare and Medicaid health care programs for the elderly, poor and disabled. Democrats won't go for an agreement that doesn't include lots of new tax revenue; Republicans are just as ardently anti-tax. The impasse over revenues means that Democrats won't agree to cost curbs on popular entitlement programs like Medicare. "Fairness has to be a prerequisite for it," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. "We have just come through passing a bill that was (all spending) cuts, no revenue." Pelosi was referring to the August debt limit

bill, which set tight "caps" on agency budgets but didn't contain revenue increases supported by Democrats. Democrats are more insistent on revenues

goal, co-chairman Sen. Patty Murray, a Washington state Democrat, side-stepped the question. "I am confident that the public is watching us very

November to come up with a plan to submit for up-or-down House and Senate votes in December. That means bipartisan compromise is a prerequisite for a successful result.

Thus far, say aides to panel members and other lawmakers, neither side has demonstrated the required flexibility in the super-secret talks. The \$1.2 trillion target evolved after efforts by President Barack Obama and Republican House Speaker John Boehner to strike a so-called grand bargain on taxes and spending fell apart in July. Those discussions and earlier talks led by Vice President Joe Biden identified numerous options for cutting the deficit. They included requiring federal workers to contribute more to their retirement, cutting farm subsidies, auctioning broadcast spectrum and curbing payments to Medicare providers like skilled nursing facilities, rural hospitals and home health care services. The supercommittee could scoop up these relatively easy-to-generate savings but still fall short of the \$1.2 trillion target. Interest groups like the powerful farm lobby might be willing to accept cuts when everybody else is getting hit, too, but are likely to fight back if they're among the relative few getting singled out for sacrifice. □



Supercommittee Co-Chair Sen., Patty Murray, D-Wash. is pursued by reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington.
(AP Photo/Harry Hamburg)

now. "There's been no movement on revenues and I'm not sure the Democrats will agree to anything without revenues," added a Democratic lobbyist who required anonymity to speak candidly. Asked last week whether she is confident that the panel can hit its \$1.2 trillion

closely to see if we can show this country that this democracy can work," Murray told reporters. "I carry that weight on my shoulders every day and so does every member of this committee." The two parties have equal strength on the panel, which has until the Thanksgiving holiday at the end of



Liliya Shobukhova, of Russia, crosses the finish line during the Chicago Marathon in Chicago, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011. Shobukhova finished first for the women's title with a time of 2:18:20.

(AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

Police: 1 runner dead in Chicago Marathon

ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — A 35-year-old male runner who collapsed during the Chicago Marathon is dead.

Race medical director Dr. George Chiampas said the North Carolina man collapsed on the course about 500 yards from the finish line. He said medical personnel were able to get his heart beating again but he died 1 hour, 45 minutes after he was attended to at the race. Medical officials and authorities refused to identify the man. "We extend our condolences and thoughts and prayers to the family," race director Carey Pinkowski said. Chicago police spokesman Darryl Baety said the runner collapsed to the ground around 10:30 a.m. while running on city's near South Side. □

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iTunes great for Apple, but was it for music biz?

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AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When Apple rolled out iTunes for the masses in the spring of 2003, the music industry was at a point of transition — and chaos. Entering the new millennium, albums were enjoying blockbuster sales of several million units for its superstar artists, and profits were booming. Yet the threat of Napster and other forms of illegal downloading threatened to eviscerate those profits as many music fans were starting to get used to the idea that music, and loads of it, could be free.

Apple's iTunes entered into that landscape with a concept that wasn't exactly new: a system where you could pay for songs online. Yet iTunes, with its simple interface, its simple concept — 99 cents per song — and revolutionary MP3 device, the iPod, made it the golden standard. The entry of Apple and its leader, Steve Jobs, who died Wednesday, into the music world was more than a success — it was a phenomenon. Today, iTunes is the largest music retailer, has redefined the listening experience and has largely become the way that music is consumed. What's less clear is how much the music industry — which is continuing to decline — has benefited. Even today, consensus is mixed.

"It really did remind an entire industry, and gave a cue to even a culture beyond the industry that if you provided music in a convenient, direct way and responded to the consum-

ers' interest and demands, they would in fact buy it, especially if it was priced appropriately," said James Diener, CEO and President of A&M/Octone Records.

"It forced change in a positive way. People who are critical of what iTunes may have done perhaps have short memories and don't realize that the alternative at the time was that an enormous amount of music was leaking onto the Internet and being consumed for free," Diener added. "The alternative was to inspire people to buy music, and to go to a digital retail site. ... That was a remarkable step forward."

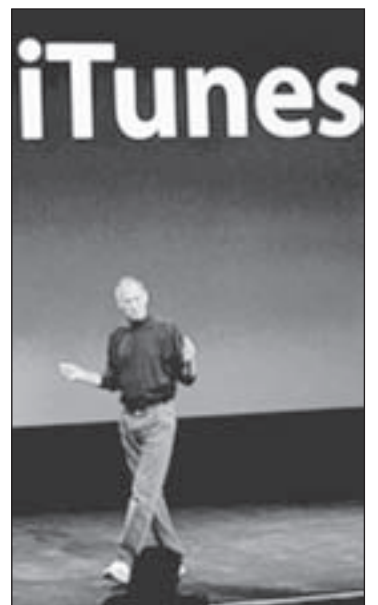
Apple introduced iTunes in 2001, a few months before it would release the now-ubiquitous iPod (which begat the iPod Nano, the iPhone, the iPad). At the time, it was not a music store but a rip-and-burn library service only available for Mac users. It initially was viewed with great skepticism by record companies for its ability to make digital copies of music — something the industry thought would lead to piracy.

The industry had a lot to protect. It was enjoying booming sales at the turn of the last century, fueled by the success of teen sensations like Britney Spears, the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync. But it was just starting to feel the effects of the illegal downloading era: The top-selling album of that year, Linkin Park's "Hybrid Theory," sold 4.8 million, down from 2000's top-seller, 'N Sync's "No Strings Attached," which sold almost 8 million a year

before. "That was at the same time we were confronting Napster, we were confronting the beginnings of the global piracy epidemic that was to come," said Jim Donio, president of the National Association of Recording Merchandisers, or NARM. "At the same moment of time, we were also experiencing the biggest weekly sales of all time. It was a very odd confluence of events, because you had the harbinger of immense challenges, but at the same time, reaping the rewards of incredible record breaking physical sales. ... It was heated, it was tense." When Apple's iTunes became a full-service online music store in 2003, it offered more than 200,000 songs that could be loaded on your iPod

and fully portable, all for 99 cents a download, no matter who the artist was (in recent years, it has allowed for more variation, with some singles now costing \$1.29 per song).

Bill Werde, editorial director at Billboard, said that while other services were available at the time, the genius of Jobs was making iTunes the ultimate consumer destination. "He created the retail experience that most people know now. He focused on the fan, he focused on the user experience, he didn't focus on rights and complicated pricing schemes. He focused just on what would be simple and what would be easy for a music fan to do, and what would be good for a music fan to experience," Werde said. □



In this Sept. 9, 2008 file photo, Apple CEO Steve Jobs talks about iTunes 8 at an event in San Francisco.

Jobs' entree into the music world was more than a success — it was a phenomenon.

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In mutual fund returns, is long-run skill or luck the key?

TIM GRAY

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In sports, the lessons of long-term performance seem obvious. Edwin Moses, the hurdler, wins 122 races over nearly a decade. Roger Federer, the tennis player, reaches the semifinals in 23 consecutive Grand Slam tournaments. Jeannie Longo, the cyclist, makes seven French Olympic teams. Implied in their feats is the message that doing something so challenging for so long proves enduring excellence.

What about mutual fund management? Does earning top-level returns over, say, 20 or 25 years show that a manager is among the most skilled people in the field?

These questions aren't just topics for after-work debate in Wall Street pubs. If investors could reliably pick the best funds, they'd want to own them. Over decades, the difference between owning a fund with a top-tier total return and a middling one can add up to a hefty sum. If, 25 years ago, you'd invested \$1,000 in, say, the FPA Capital fund, your money would have grown to \$26,000, before expenses, through September. But the same investment in a Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fund would have grown to \$8,700, before expenses.

Some portfolio managers say long-term records sep-

arate skilled stock pickers from the merely lucky ones. "Longevity is really important," said Richard F. Aster Jr., manager of the Meridian Growth fund. "There are

years — reveals talent. It's influenced by too many factors and requires too much context to be a guarantee of ability, they argue. John C. Bogle, the founder

urge caution, saying that all sorts of variables can frustrate assessments. One simple source of confusion is the distinction between a fund and its manager, said Marcin Kacperczyk, a finance professor at New York University. People often know and follow funds by name, even as managers come and go. Yet the manager can matter a lot. Consider the Fidelity Magellan fund. It is often linked with Peter Lynch, who produced an average annual return of 29 percent during his 13 years there. But Lynch left in 1990. Magellan has since had five other managers; the latest, Jeffrey S. Feingold, started in September. So far, none have approached Lynch's record.

Investors should also understand that past performance, even over decades, doesn't guarantee future success, said Srikant Dash, a managing director at S&P. "The sample of managers who have survived for 20 years is so small that you can't draw any statistically significant results," he said.

"The problem for average investors is that you cannot buy history," he added. "Yes, there's evidence that a certain percentage of managers and certain techniques have done well. But you can't buy the past 20 years. You're looking at the next 20 years." □



Roger Federer of Switzerland competes against Novak Djokovic of Serbia during their men's semifinal singles match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York, Sept. 10, 2011. In sports, the lessons of long-term performance seem obvious, but in mutual fund management some people aren't so sure that earning top-level returns over 20 or 25 years shows that a fund manager is among the most skilled in the field. ' (Suzy Allman/The New York Times)

a lot of guys who can get through the good years. But to do this in good and bad years isn't easy." Aster's fund has a 25-year annualized average total return of 11.4 percent. Investment analysts and academics aren't so sure that long-term returns speak so clearly. They have parsed fund performance every which way, trying to discern manager skill. Some of them aren't convinced that even a measure that seems straightforward — a manager's annualized average return over 20 or 25

of Vanguard, said that luck played a bigger role in mutual fund returns than most people understand and that fund marketing often glossed over that fact.

"If you ask a bunch of people to flip coins, maybe one out of a thousand will flip heads 20 times in a row," he said. "In our business, we'll declare him a genius."

Could long-term returns at least give retail investors a place to begin their research, as they try to winnow the thousands of different funds on the market? Here, too, some experts

For income and a taste of home, refugees turn to farming



Actress Rashida Jones, left, listens as Joseph Kolwe explains his experience as a refugee from Liberia, at an urban community garden run by the International Rescue Committee in the City Heights neighborhood of San Diego, Calif. Farm stands such as New Roots, with 85 growers from 12 countries, is one of more than 50 community farms dedicated to refugee agriculture, an entrepreneurial movement spreading across the country. (Sandy Huffaker/The New York Times)

PATRICIA LEIGH BROWN

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SAN DIEGO — At the Saturday farmer's market in City Heights, a major portal for refugees, Khadija Musame, a Somali, arranges her freshly picked pumpkin leaves and lablab beans amid a United Nations of produce, including water spinach grown by a Cambodian refugee and amaranth, a grain harvested by Sarah Salie, who fled rebels in Liberia. □

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Richard T. Clark, CEO & President, Merck & Co., speaks during an interview at the corporate headquarters in White House Station, N.J. Merck said Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, that Chairman and former CEO Richard Clark will retire from the company Dec. 1, after nearly 40 years at the drugmaker.

(AP Photo/Mel Evans, File)

Merck says Clark will retire as chair

NEW YORK (AP) — Merck said Thursday that Chairman and former CEO Richard Clark will retire from the company Dec. 1, after nearly 40 years at the drugmaker. Kenneth Frazier, who replaced Clark as CEO in January, will become chairman of Merck & Co. Inc. after Clark retires. Clark was president and CEO of Merck from 2005 to 2010, and he has been chairman of the board since 2007. The company said Clark is retiring following Frazier's successful transition.

Merck credits Clark with leading its \$41 billion acquisition of Schering-Plough Corp. in November 2009. The deal expanded Merck's pipeline and gave it more biotechnology and consumer health products. It also bolstered the company's animal health business, and made Merck the second-largest pharmaceutical company in the world in terms of revenue, behind Pfizer Inc. In 2010 Novartis AG of Switzerland surpassed Merck.

During Clark's tenure as CEO, Merck launched drugs including the HIV drug Isentress, HPV treatment Gardasil, and diabetes drug Januvia. Clark has worked for Merck since 1972, and he retired as CEO shortly before turning 65, Merck's mandatory retirement age for executives. He took over at Merck after longtime CEO Raymond Gilmarin resigned while Congress was scrutinizing the company's handling of the recall of its painkiller Vioxx. Clark and Frazier helped develop the legal strategy in Merck's fight against tens of thousands of lawsuits from Vioxx patients. The company spent millions fighting the lawsuits, winning some and driving up costs for the remaining plaintiffs. □

Muni bonds are stars, for now

JAN M. ROSEN
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Despite warnings of defaults near the start of this year, municipal bond funds have turned in a Cinderella performance so far, even as many stock funds lost

Still, muni bond funds had a net outflow of \$1.01 billion in August, the Investment Company Institute said late last month. In Sjoblom's opinion, the funds are appropriate for anyone seeking tax-ex-

while exempt from regular taxes, are not exempt from alternative minimum taxes, so investors who face a perennial AMT obligation should select funds with little or no AMT exposure.

Regina Shafer, who manages three municipal bond funds — short-term, intermediate-term and New York — for USAA in San Antonio, another no-load, low-expense organization, said, "Our goal is to provide as much tax-free income as possible and to try to be very tax-efficient and avoid taxable capital gains."

The market has changed greatly since 2008, she said. Before that disastrous year, she said, muni bond insurers guaranteed bonds' triple-A ratings, "so an investor didn't have to think" much about individual holdings. Now credit research is important, she said, and there is more interest-rate volatility, which brings opportunity. Shafer called muni bonds "a safe asset class" overall, pointing out that municipalities have taxing authority, unlike corporate issuers. Yields on munis in the 10- to 20-year range are actually higher than those of comparable Treasuries, which are taxable, making many munis very attractive right now, she said.

In a similar vein, Jason T. Thomas, chief investment officer of Aspiriant, a national fee-only wealth management firm, said, "By almost every measure, municipal bonds are priced attractively relative to U.S. Treasuries and U.S. corporate bonds."

He contends that concerns about munis are overblown. □



ground.

Total returns for some muni funds were in the 10 percent range for the calendar year, although their 12-month returns were generally lower.

Analysts and fund managers see continued good performance for intermediate and long-term muni funds, along with periods of high volatility.

Miriam Sjoblom, lead bond fund analyst at Morningstar, said, "Muni bonds have had a great year, but yields across all levels are near all-time lows." As a result, she said, "yields are likely to rise, so prices could fall."

Many fund shareholders have been "buying and selling at the wrong time," Sjoblom said.

There was a surge of sales in November, December and January, she added, amid fears that state and city fiscal woes could lead to waves of defaults. That hasn't happened, and, she said, the funds have turned in "a great performance since then."

empt income in a regular account, not a retirement account. Investors should be prepared to hold them at least a year, or preferably several years.

Given today's low-yield environment, she said, investors should focus on no-load funds with low expenses, like those from Fidelity, Vanguard and T. Rowe Price. Investors should be aware of three other considerations when choosing a muni fund:

— Interest paid by state and local governments and agencies is generally tax-exempt for in-state residents, but when people own bonds from another state — say, a Californian who invests in Texas bonds — their home states often tax the out-of-state interest. So many fund groups offer state-specific funds.

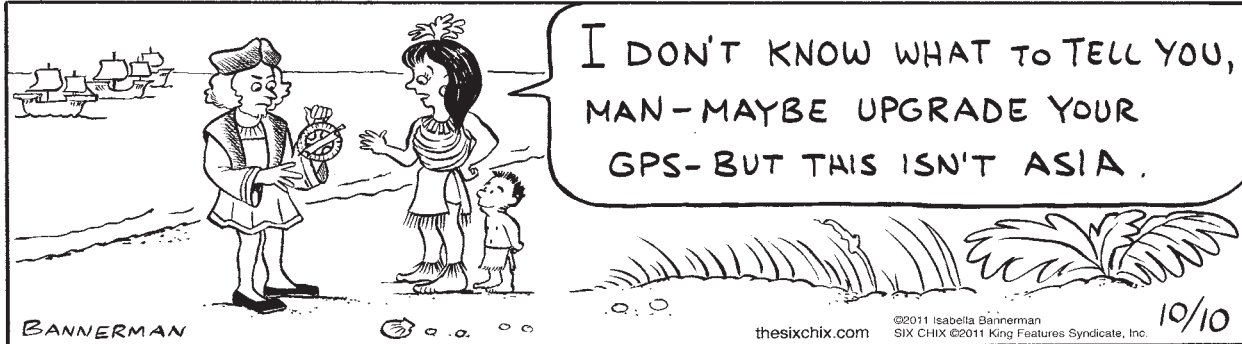
— Capital gains that are incurred either when a portfolio manager trades holdings — or when an individual shareholder sells — are taxable.

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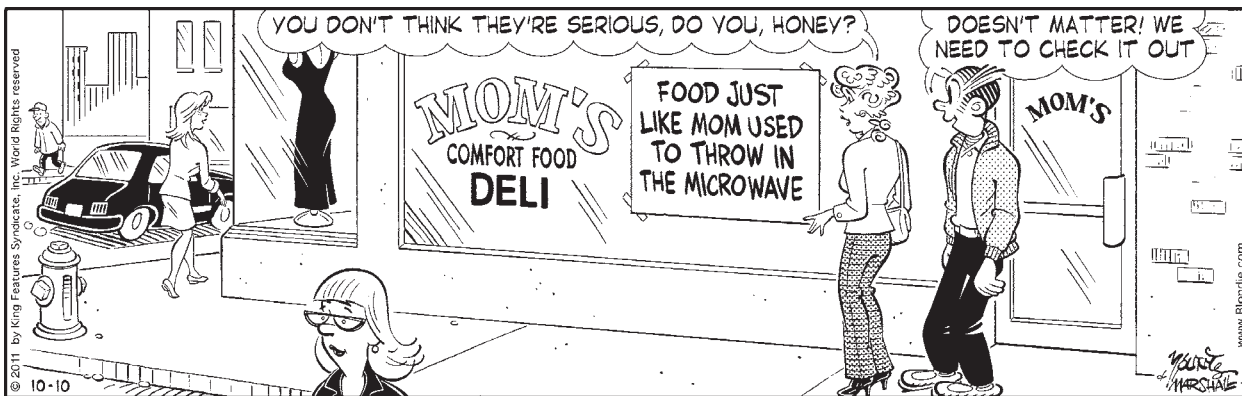
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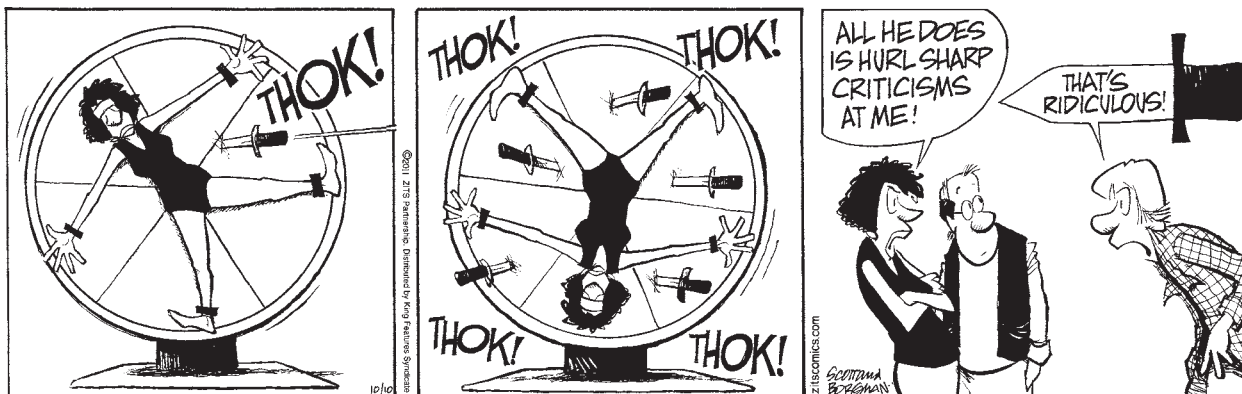
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

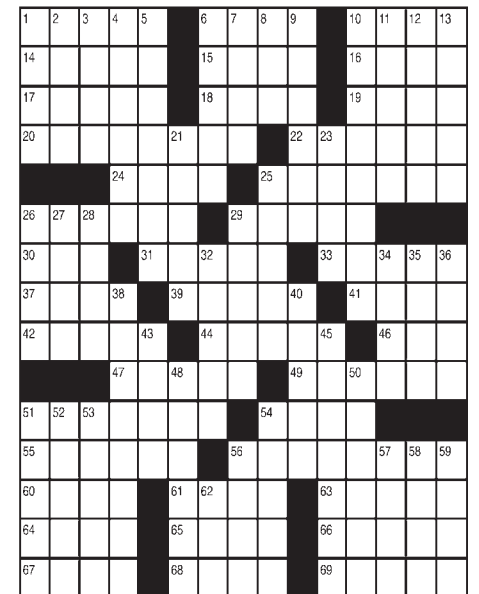
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- Sketches
- Hullabaloo
- Mischief makers
- Review the financial books
- Make airtight
- Fastener that gets hammered
- Raised strip
- Bank vault
- Trigonometric function
- Forced to be a servant
- Made a steady humming noise
- Discharge
- Forever young
- Dissolved
- Part of a dramatic act
- Expert; pro
- to; cite
- Concluded
- Iranian leader of old
- In ; tidy
- list; paper itemizing tasks
- Bus fare, often
- Alleviated
- foo young
- with; burdened by
- Supervisors
- Like rough red hands
- Sharp, shrill cry
- Shout
- Dental inlays
- Feed the kitty
- Beauty spot
- Ryan or Tatum
- Opponents
- TV's "American "
- Ship's spar
- Reverberate
- Ooze out
- Camry or Prius
- Liberated
- Stags' mates
- Trim a lawn's border
- Pugs & collies
- Vulnerable
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- Destroy
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- Back of the neck
- Servings of sour cream
- Layer of skin
- Small piano
- Make sore by rubbing
- Esteem
- Change slightly
- Give in
- Sheet of ice on the sea
- At no time, to a poet
- Donated
- Murdered
- Lofty poem

Today in History

Today is Monday, October 10, the 283rd day of 2011. There are 82 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

680 - Hussein, one of Shiite Islam's key saints, is killed at the Battle of Karbala in modern-day Iraq.

1733 - France declares war on Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI for aiding Elector Augustus III of Saxony.

1842 - Britain proclaims victory as second Afghan War ends.

1859 - Civil war breaks out in Argentina.

1970 - Fiji becomes independent after nearly a century of British rule; Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte is kidnapped by the Quebec Liberation Front, a militant separatist group. His body is found a week later.

1973 - U.S. Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns after his conviction for income tax evasion.

1975 - The murder of journalist Vladimir Herzog in an army jail in Brazil causes indignation in the military high command and starts a gradual dismantling of the dictatorship.

1980 - Thousands of casualties are reported following earthquake in Al Asnan, Algeria.

1985 - U.S. jet fighters force an Egyptian airliner carrying hijackers of cruise ship Achille Lauro to land in Italy, where the hijackers are arrested.

1988 - Suspected Tamil militants attack a village in northern Sri Lanka, killing at least 47 people as they sleep.

1990 - The U.S. freezes \$564 million in economic and military aid to Pakistan, because of its suspected continued development of nuclear weapons.

1991 - German political leaders agree to establish large refugee camps to protect people seeking asylum. The agreement came amid a continuing wave of violence led by neo-Nazi skinhead youths against foreigners in Germany.

1992 - A court in Karachi, Pakistan acquits Asif Ali Zardari, the husband of

opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, on charges of murdering the murder of 29 rival political supporters.

1996 - Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers search house-to-house for anyone suspected of collaborating



Today is David Lee Roth's birthday

with the former regime, unleashing a wave of fear among ethnic minorities.

1997 - A former senior FBI official is sentenced to 18 months in prison for his role in covering up a damning report about the 1992 standoff at white supremacist Randall C. Weaver's cabin near Ruby Ridge, Idaho, which resulted in three deaths.

1998 - Rebels use a missile to shoot down a jetliner carrying 40 civilians in eastern Congo, claiming it was ferrying government troops to the besieged town of Kindu.

1999 - Cuban President Fidel Castro agrees to an emigration deal with Israel where members of Cuba's small Jewish minority are allowed to move to Israel using Canadian-issued exit visas.

2000 - Sirimavo Bandara-

naike, who 40 years earlier became the world's first female prime minister, dies of a heart attack in Colombo, Sri Lanka, after voting in parliamentary elections. She was 84.

2001 - Americans George A. Akerlof, A. Michael Spence, and Joseph E. Stiglitz win the Nobel Prize in economics for research into how the control of information influences everything from used car sales to the rise and collapse in high-tech stocks.

2005 - Gen. Augusto Pinochet's wife and younger son are arrested in Chile's capital and charged as accomplices in a tax evasion case linked to an investigation into the former dictator's multimillion-dollar fortune overseas.

2006 - Two bombs explode in insurgency-torn southern Philippines, killing six people and wounding more than 30, as officials heighten security amid warnings that al-Qaida-linked terrorists were planning further attacks.

2007 - The Russian Soyuz-FG rocket booster with Soyuz TMA-11 space ship carrying a new crew to the international space station lifts off from the Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan.

2008 - Martti Ahtisaari, Finland's ex-president, wins the Nobel Peace Prize

2009 - Turkey and Armenia sign a landmark agreement to establish diplomatic relations and open their sealed border after a century of enmity, as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton helps the two sides clear a last-minute snag.

2010 - Churches, banquet

halls and other wedding venues across the U.S. are extra busy as couples seeking a perfect 10 rushed to tie the knot on a once-in-a-century milestone: Oct. 10, 2010.

Today's Birthdays:

Giuseppe Verdi, Italian composer (1813-1901); Aleksis Kivi, Finnish writer (1832-1872); Fridtjof Nansen, Norwegian explorer (1861-1930); Ivo Andric, Yugoslav writer and Nobel laureate (1892-1975); Alberto Giacometti, Swiss artist (1901-1966); Thelonious Monk, U.S. jazz musician (1917-1982); Harold Pinter, U.S. writer/director (1930-2008), David Lee Roth, U.S. singer (1954-).

Thought For Today:

At every single moment of one's life one is what one is going to be no less than what one has been — Oscar Wilde, Irish poet and dramatist (1856-1900). □

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Researchers find Aztec temple platform in Mexico

No Aztec ruler's tomb has ever been located and researchers have been on a five-year quest to find a royal tomb in the area of the Templo Mayor, a com-

He said the platform, which is still being unearthed, was gradually uncovered over the preceding months. It is covered with at least 19 serpent heads, each about a half-yard (meter) long.

He says the find shows that "archaeologists are inching closer and closer to finding an Aztec royal tomb."□



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Paul McCartney weds in nostalgia-filled ceremony

GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A hint of autumnal Beatlemania was in the air Sunday as Paul McCartney, for the second time in his improbable life, climbed the steps of venerable Old Marylebone Town Hall to take himself a bride. True, thousands of heartbroken female fans crowded the columned building in 1969 when he married Linda Eastman, and only a few hundred showed up Sunday as he wed another American, Nancy Shevell, at the very same registry office.

But the feeling this time was not regret at the loss of a bachelor heartthrob. Instead there was joy that McCartney, regarded as a national treasure and revered the world over, seemed happy again.

The 69-year-old former Beatle appeared proud, content and eager to share his joy with the crowd, raising his bride's hand in triumph as he walked down the steps after they became man and wife in a simple civil ceremony attended by close family and friends, including drummer Ringo Starr and TV host Barbara

Walters, a second cousin of the bride.

"I feel absolutely wonderful," McCartney told fans as he arrived at his home after the ceremony. He was expected to sing a new song he had composed for his bride at the reception.

Gone was the memory of McCartney's terribly unhappy marriage to Heather Mills, which ended in 2008 in an ugly public divorce. Remembered was his marriage to Eastman, a serene union that lasted nearly three decades until her life was cut short by breast cancer, leaving McCartney alone and adrift despite his fame and wealth. The ceremony Sunday afternoon was everything his wedding to Mills was not: simple, understated, almost matter of fact. By contrast, McCartney and Mills married in an over-the-top lavish spectacle at a remote Irish castle that was disrupted several times by news helicopters flying overhead, hoping for a glimpse of the A-list guests. This time, the smiles seemed genuine.

The affection — and rose petals and confetti — showered on McCartney

and his bride captured his particular place in British life.

Long gone are the days when the Beatles divided Britain between young and old, or between hippies and straights. The band is revered as part of a glorious musical and cultural era when Britain seemed a more confident place. There was no controversy whatsoever when McCartney received a knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II in 1997.

Today Sir Paul — or Macca, as he's usually known — is celebrated as a musical legend who is still composing and releasing CDs, even if they no longer routinely shoot to No. 1 on the charts. His forays into opera, ballet, painting and poetry have not been critical successes, but none of these have tarnished his reputation.

Shevell, 51, appeared radiant and composed in an elegant, ivory gown cut just above the knee. She wore a white flower in her long dark hair, and only light makeup and lipstick. The dress was designed by McCartney's daughter, Stella, a star in the fash-



Former Beatle Paul McCartney and American heiress Nancy Shevell exit Marylebone Town Hall in central London following their wedding Sunday Oct 9 2011.

Associated Press

ion world who also helped concoct the three-course vegetarian feast served to guests at the reception at McCartney's home in St. John's Wood, a property he bought in 1965, when the Beatles were topping

the charts with metronomic regularity.

McCartney, who has long admitted to tinting his hair to keep out the gray, looked youthful in a well-cut blue suit and pale blue, skinny tie. □



In this Oct. 1, 2007 file photo, Roger Williams smiles at the crowd as they sing "Happy Birthday" to him in Simi Valley, Calif.

Associated Press

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Roger Williams, the virtuoso pianist who topped the Billboard pop charts in the 1950s and played for nine U.S. presidents during a long career, died Saturday. He was 87.

Williams died at his home in Los Angeles of complications from pancreatic cancer, according to his former publicist, Rob Wilcox.

Known as an electrifying stage performer and an adept improviser, Williams effortlessly switched be-

Famed pianist Roger Williams dies

tween musical styles.

"Roger was one of the greatest pianists in the world and could play anything from classical music to jazz. He was one of the greatest personalities I've ever known," said Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, a long-time friend of Williams and himself a musician. "He could touch any audience, from teenagers to senior citizens." Williams' 1955 hit "Autumn Leaves" was the only piano instrumental to reach number one on the Billboard pop charts. It remains the best-selling piano record of all time, with more than 2 million sold.

Nicknamed the "pianist to the presidents," Williams played for every commander in chief from

Harry Truman to George H.W. Bush. His last trip to the White House was in 2008, when he performed at a luncheon for then-first lady Laura Bush. Williams was good friends with Jimmy Carter, with whom he shared a birthday. When the two men turned 80, Williams played a 12-hour marathon at the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum in Atlanta, with the former president in attendance. Born Louis Wertz in Nebraska, Williams started playing piano at age 3. By age 9 he was prolific with several instruments and could play anything by ear. "I had a piano teacher growing up who would never play a song for me, she would make me play it from sheet

music so I could learn to read music," Williams said, according to biographical information provided by Wilcox. NAs a teenager, he was given his own 15-minute radio show on KRNT-AM, which was broadcast live from a Des Moines, Iowa, department store. Later he hosted a program on WHO-AM, where he first met the station's young sports announcer, Ronald "Dutch" Reagan. The two men started a friendship which lasted over 60 years. Nancy Reagan said that when the two men met in Iowa all those years ago, "neither could have guessed that their careers would take them both to the White House someday." □

Robots take title as 'Real Steel' earns \$27.3M

DAVID GERMAIN

AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Boxing robots are the undisputed champions at the weekend box office.

Hugh Jackman's "Real Steel," set in a near-future

when robot fighters have replaced humans in the ring, debuted at No. 1 with \$27.3 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

A DreamWorks release distributed by Disney, "Real Steel" added \$22.1 million

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Zsa Zsa Gabor to undergo operation at LA hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Zsa Zsa Gabor's husband says the 94-year-old actress will undergo an operation at a Los Angeles hospital where she also is being treated for an infection.

Frederic Prinz von Anhalt said Sunday that doctors at UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center planned to reattach a tube in Gabor's stomach that became loose and led to bleeding. The celebrity socialite was rushed to the hospital Saturday. Von Anhalt says Gabor has opened her eyes but is not speaking or responding. He says doctors are waiting for antibiotics to take effect on the infection.

He calls his wife a "fighter" and says he's "very optimistic." The Hungarian-born Gabor has been hospitalized repeatedly since falling out of bed and breaking her hip in July 2010. She had a leg amputated in January. □



In this Jan. 27, 1993 file photo, actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is shown in Midland, Texas. Gabor was taken to a hospital Saturday Oct. 8, 2011 after being found unconscious in her home.

Associated Press

Jolie-Pitt donate \$340K to Somali aid group

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The head of a Somali aid group says that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have donated \$340,000 to help it expand its health services to the displaced mothers and children in Somalia's war-ravaged capital. The Horn of Africa nation has been suffering from its worst famine in 60 years, and the United Nations says 750,000 people are at risk of starving to death in the next few months.

The U.S. estimates that the drought and famine have so far killed more than 29,000 children under the age of 5 in southern Somalia.

Mohamed Dahir of Humanitarian Initiative Just Relief Aid said the donation from the Jolie-Pitt Foundation will allow his group to expand its lifesaving health services that serve 300 women and children each day in Mogadishu's Badbaado camp for the displaced people. □



This file image provided by Disney/DreamWorks II shows Hugh Jackman, left, and Dakota Goyo in a scene from "Real Steel." The film is set in the near-future when robot fighters have replaced humans in the ring.

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in 19 overseas markets for a worldwide total of \$49.4 million.

The movie casts Jackman as a former boxer reluctantly thrown together with his young son as they turn a junkyard robot into a world-class contender.

George Clooney's political saga "The Ides of March" was the runner-up, opening at No. 2 with \$10.4 million. The Sony release stars Ryan Gosling as an aide to a presidential candidate (Clooney) caught up in scandal. Clooney also directed.

The previous No. 1 movie, the Warner Bros. family film "Dolphin Tale," slipped to No. 3 with \$9.2 million, raising its domestic total to \$49.1 million.

Males accounted for two-thirds of the audience for "Real Steel," though Jackman's sex appeal and a romantic subplot involving co-star Evangeline Lilly was a draw for women, said Dave Hollis, Disney's head of distribution.

The movie brought in a solid mix of couples and parents with children, he said.

"The men might have been more attracted to this idea of boxing robots and the

Rock 'Em Sock 'Em part of it. For women, it was more Hugh and the Hugh and Evangeline angle," Holis said.

"For families, it's this father-son story and the somewhat redemptive rise to glory toward the end."

"The Ides of March" presents an acting dream team, with Academy Award winners Clooney, Philip Seymour Hoffman and Marisa Tomei in great form opposite Oscar nominees Gosling and Paul Giamatti.

"It's one thing to have a great cast of actors like we have in this film, but it's really cool watching them chew it up," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony.

Other than the sizable opening for "Real Steel," it was a typically quiet fall weekend at theaters, a lull before big holiday movies start arriving in late October and early November.

Overall domestic revenues totaled \$94 million, virtually identical to the same weekend a year ago, when "The Social Network" led with \$15.5 million, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

"'Real Steel' felt like a sum-

mer movie, and I think that appealed to family audiences," said Hollywood.com analyst Paul Dergarabedian.

"If you release a summer-style movie in the fall, you can still grab a pretty good audience."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com.

Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday. □

1. "Real Steel," \$27.3 million (\$22.1 million international).
2. "The Ides of March," \$10.4 million.
3. "Dolphin Tale," \$9.2 million.
4. "Moneyball," \$7.5 million.
5. "50/50," \$5.5 million.
6. "Courageous," \$4.6 million.
7. "The Lion King," \$4.55 million (\$7.3 million international).
8. "Dream House," \$4.5 million.
9. "What's Your Number?", \$3.1 million.
10. "Abduction," \$2.9 million.

Mourning Steve Jobs and his too-rare leadership



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The melancholy over Steve Jobs' passing is not just about the loss of the inventor of so many products we enjoy. It is also about the loss of someone who personified so many of the leadership traits we know are missing from our national politics. Those traits jump out of every Jobs obituary: He was someone who did not read the polls but changed the polls by giving people what he was certain they wanted and needed before they knew it; he was someone who was ready to pursue his vision in the face of long odds over multiple years; and, most of all, he was someone who earned the respect of his colleagues, not by going easy on them but by constantly pushing them out of their comfort zones and, in the process, inspiring ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

There isn't a single national politician today whom you would describe by those attributes, which is why the fake Jobs obituary published in *The Onion*, the satirical newspaper, struck such a nerve. It began by saying: "Steve Jobs, the visionary co-founder of Apple Computers" – and the only American in the country who had any clue what he was doing – "died Wednesday at the age of 56." It went on to quote President Barack Obama as saying that Jobs "will be remembered both for the life-changing products he created and for the fact that he was able to sit down, think clearly, and execute his ideas – attributes he shared with no other U.S. citizen. 'This is a dark time for our country, because the reality is none of the 300 million or so Americans who remain can actually get anything done or make things happen.'"

Ouch! Fortunately, the last part is not true. There are still thousands of U.S. innovators who embody Jobs' most important attribute: They didn't get the word. They didn't get the word that we're down and out. They didn't get the word that we're in a recession. They didn't get the word that Germany is going to eat our

breakfast and that China is going to eat our lunch, so they just go out and invent stuff and make stuff and export stuff. Like Jobs, they just didn't get the word – and thank God.

But we're not doing them justice because our political system is not providing these entrepreneurs what they need to thrive in the 21st century. Think of how cramped and uninspiring our national debate has become. It is all about cutting, filibustering, vetoing and blaming – or solving our problems by either untaxing or taxing millionaires alone.

Neither party is saying: Here is the world we are living in; here are the big trends; here is our long-term plan for rolling up our sleeves to ensure that America thrives in this world because it is not going to come easy; nothing important ever does.

What is John Boehner's vision? I laugh just thinking about the question. What is Obama's vision? I cry just thinking about the question. The Republican Party has been taken over by an antitax cult, and Obama just seems lost. Obama supporters complain that the GOP has tried to block him at every turn. That is true. But why have they gotten away with it? It's because Obama never persuaded people that he had a Grand Bargain tied to a vision worth fighting for.

We cannot bail or tax-cut our way to prosperity. We can only, as Jobs understood, invent our way there. That is why America needs to be for the world in the 21st century what Cape Canaveral was to America in the 1960s: the place where everyone everywhere should want to come to start up and make something – something that makes people's lives more productive, healthy, comfortable, entertained, educated or secure. To do that, we need to reinvigorate our traditional formula for success – quality education and infrastructure, open immigration, the right rules to incentivize risk-taking and government-financed scientific research. But to do all that in a recession means we have to cut spending, raise tax revenues and invest in this formula. And to do that, we need a Grand Bargain that involves upfront spending plus credible, long-term fiscal reform that is at the true scale of our debt problem. Obama has given the spending plan, but he has not produced a credible, this-really-hurts fiscal plan – and many Americans know it. The paucity of Obama's audacity is striking. □



Portugal's big gay leap



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LISBON, Portugal – When she turned 38 last month, Brenda Frota Johnson got a sweet surprise: a formal "happy birthday" from her longtime partner's mother.

It wasn't a gift or even a card, just a succinct text message, but even so, it had no precedent over the 10 years that she and her partner, Isabel Advirta, 39, had been making a life and a home here together. Why this birthday? The two women share a theory.

"Brenda's now officially a part of the family," Advirta said recently as they watched their 3-year-old daughter, Salome, play in a leafy Lisbon park. Johnson agreed. "It's because we're married," she said. That legal blessing – that loftiest of imprimaturs – has changed little between them but a lot around them.

With minimal international at-

tention, Portugal – tiny, overwhelmingly Roman Catholic Portugal – legalized same-sex marriage last year. Although the country is hardly seen as a Scandinavian-style bastion of social progressivism, it's one of just 10 countries where such marriages can be performed nationwide, and in this regard it finds itself ahead of a majority of wealthier, more populous European countries, like France, Germany, Italy and Britain. In the United States, only six states and the District of Columbia allow gay marriage. How did that happen? And what wisdom do the answers offer frustrated supporters of same-sex marriage here and elsewhere around the globe? With a potent case of Portugal envy, I went there and talked with advocates and politicians at the center of its same-sex-marriage campaign and with gay and lesbian couples who married after the law took effect in June 2010. All were still pleasantly stunned by what Portugal had accomplished.

It was only a little more than a decade ago that a country first legalized same-sex marriage, and that happened in precisely the kind of forward-thinking, bohemian place you'd expect: the Netherlands. About two years later, Belgium followed suit.

Then things got really interesting. The eight countries that later joined the club were a mix of largely foreseeable and less predictable additions. In

the first category I'd put Canada, Norway, Sweden and Iceland. In the second: South Africa, Spain, Portugal and Argentina.

Why those four countries? People who have studied the issue note that that they have something interesting and relevant in common: Each spent a significant period of the late 20th century governed by a dictatorship or brutally discriminatory government, and each emerged from that determined to exhibit a modernity and concern for human rights that put the past to rest. "They're countries where the commitment to democracy and equal protection under the law was denied, flouted and oppressed, and the societies have struggled to restore that," said Evan Wolfson, the president of Freedom to Marry, a New York-based advocacy group, in a recent interview. That dynamic informed Spain's legalization of same-sex marriage in 2005. Spain's big step also reflected the tenuousness of the Vatican's hold on the everyday mores and behaviors in many developed democracies still spoken of as Roman Catholic. While the vast majority of Spaniards belong nominally to the church and Catholic leaders lobbied against same-sex marriage, the Spanish Parliament nonetheless approved the law. Politicians understood that most Spaniards didn't regard Catholicism as a rigid prescription for living. □

A child of war discovers her parents' killer

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Victoria Montenegro recalls a childhood filled with chilling dinnertime discussions. Lt. Col. Hernan Tetzlaff, the head of the family, would recount military operations he had taken part in where "subversives" had been tortured or killed. The discussions often ended with his "slamming his gun on the table," she said. It took an incessant search

the nation's top military leaders engaged in a systematic plan to steal babies from perceived enemies of the government. Jorge Rafael Videla, who led the military during Argentina's dictatorship, stands accused of leading the effort to take babies from mothers in clandestine detention centers and give them to military or security officials, or even to third parties, on the condition that the new parents hide

were unwilling to forgive the military for this," said Jose Miguel Vivanco, the Americas director for Human Rights Watch. In Latin America, the baby thefts were largely unique to Argentina's dictatorship, Vivanco said. There was no such effort in neighboring Chile's 17-year dictatorship. One notable difference was the role of the Catholic Church. In Argentina the church largely supported the military government,



Victoria Montenegro, who was abducted as a newborn by a military colonel during the military dictatorship that ruled Argentina from 1976 to 1983, in Buenos Aires, Sept. 5, 2011. A trial entering the final phase of testimony could prove that top military rulers engaged in a systematic plan to steal babies from mothers in clandestine detention centers that were perceived as enemies of the regime.

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by a human rights group, a DNA match and almost a decade of overcoming denial for Montenegro, 35, to realize that Tetzlaff was, in fact, not her father — nor the hero he portrayed himself to be. Instead, he was the man responsible for murdering her real parents and illegally taking her as his own child, she said. He confessed to her what he had done in 2000, Montenegro said. But it was not until she testified at a trial here last spring that she finally came to grips with her past, shedding once and for all the name that Tetzlaff and his wife had given her — Maria Sol — after falsifying her birth records. The trial, in the final phase of hearing testimony, could prove for the first time that

the true identities. Videla is one of 11 officials on trial for 35 acts of illegal appropriation of minors. The trial is also revealing the complicity of civilians, including judges and officials of the Roman Catholic Church. The abduction of an estimated 500 babies was one of the most traumatic chapters of the military dictatorship that ruled Argentina from 1976 to 1983. The frantic effort by mothers and grandmothers to locate their missing children has never let up. It was the one issue that civilian presidents elected after 1983 did not excuse the military for, even as amnesty was granted for other "dirty war" crimes. "Even the many Argentinians who considered the amnesty a necessary evil

while in Chile it confronted the government of Gen. Augusto Pinochet and sought to expose its human rights crimes, Vivanco said. Priests and bishops in Argentina justified their support of the government on national security concerns, and defended the taking of children as a way to ensure they were not "contaminated" by leftist enemies of the military, said Adolfo Perez Esquivel, a Nobel Prize-winning human rights advocate who has investigated dozens of disappearances and testified at the trial last month. Montenegro contended: "They thought they were doing something Christian to baptize us and give us the chance to be better people than our parents. They thought and felt they were saving our lives." □

In Calif., no more tanning beds for under-18 crowd

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SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — California girls who dream about the sun-kissed skin glorified in song by Katy Perry will have to wait until they turn 18 before they can get the effect from tanning beds under a new first-in-the-nation law.

Gov. Jerry Brown announced Sunday that he had signed into law a bill that prevents children under 18 from using the popular tanning method. The law takes effect Jan. 1. Although Texas has banned the use of tanning beds for children under 16, the bill makes California the first state to set a higher age limit. Thirty other states also have some age restrictions on the use, said the bill's author, state Sen. Ted Lieu.

Under current law, children 14 and under in California already cannot use the beds, but those ages 15 to 17 can do so with permission from their parents. Illinois, New York, Ohio and Rhode Island have considered an age limit similar to California's, but have yet to enact them, said the Democrat from Torrance, California.

The ban will hurt businesses, many of them owned by women, said the Indoor Tanning Association. About 5 percent to 10 percent of its members' customers are under 18, the industry group noted.

The organization said tanning salons already are regulated by the state Department of Consumer Affairs and the federal Food and Drug Administration — regulations it called the most stringent in the nation.



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But Lieu and other ban supporters said the higher age limit is needed because skin damage caused by the type of radiation used in tanning beds often leads to melanoma, which is skin cancer that can be fatal. Lieu said early tanning by children can increase the risk. They also say that avid tanning is particularly popular in the state, especially in affluent areas of Southern California. □